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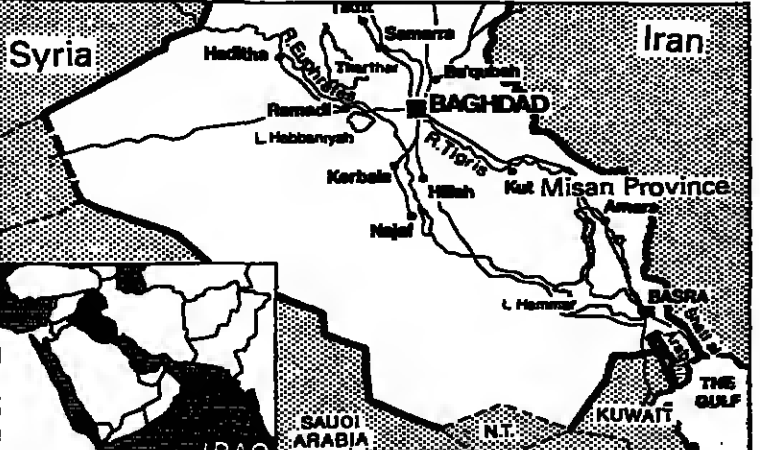
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N-core of Cosmos burns up
MOSCOW, Feb. 7 (Agencies) — The nuclear core of the Soviet Cosmos 1402 spy satellite entered the dense layers of the earth's upper atmosphere at 13.56 Moscow time (10.56 GMT) Monday and completely disintegrated over the South Atlantic, the Tass news agency announced.
The dispatch confirmed reports by the West German Interior Ministry in Bonn and the U.S. Defense Department in Washington.
The Tass statement, quoting Soviet agencies charged with tracking the satellite, said: "The Cosmos 1402, placed on orbit in August 30, 1982, totally ceased to exist at 13.56."
The Pentagon statement gave the disintegration time as 11.10 GMT. It said the satellite burned up about 1800 kilometers off the coast of Brazil.
A West German Interior Ministry spokesman, citing North Atlantic Treaty Organization sources, said the highly radioactive core broke up somewhere between the Falklands and Ascension Island as it dropped into the atmosphere around 1100 GMT.
Cosmos 1402 was reported to have gone out of control in late December, after spending four months tracking Western naval movements across the world's oceans.
The largest portion of the satellite fell into the Indian Ocean on Jan. 24, and experts worldwide had been involved in efforts to monitor the continued orbiting of its radioactive core, described as about the size of a four-gallon bucket.
The Soviet Union sent two messages to the United Nations before Jan. 24, specifying that Cosmos 1402's remains would drop into waters off Oman and that its reactor would vaporize in the atmosphere sometime in mid-February without increasing natural levels of radioactivity.
U.S. planes and ships were being sent to the South Atlantic to check for any increased levels of radioactivity in the area. American officials added: "They said tiny flecks of radioactive debris might have survived to fall into the ocean."

Iraq claims crushing it Iran launches the 'final' offensive

NICOSIA, Feb. 7 (AP) — Iran Monday launched its long expected offensive against Iraq, describing it as both the largest since the outbreak of the war and the final one, to end the fighting.
Initial Iranian communiques claimed the seizure of chunks of Iraqi territory and the destruction of the fighting capability of the Iraqi Army.
Acknowledging the offensive, Iraqi communiques broadcast by Baghdad Radio said two waves of divisional strength that crossed the border into Iraq at Fakhri in the Misan governorate were completely crushed. Subsequent attacks would be similarly repulsed, the communiques added.
The attack described by the Iranian communiques as the biggest since the war broke out Sept. 22, 1980, came only a few hours after Iraqi President Saddam Hussein stated the Iraqi forces were not only ready to defend themselves, but are capable to "annihilate the enemy."
Iran unleashed its offensive at 2130 hours (1800 GMT) Sunday night, only a few hours after President Hussein's warning.
Shortly after Tehran Radio broadcast the first claims of victory, Hashemi Rafsanjani, the speaker of



the Iranian parliament, was quoted by IRNA as telling parliament "the people expect this offensive to be the final military operation that will determine the final destiny of the region."
"We have been given no other choice than to make our final effort to gain our just rights," Rafsanjani was quoted as adding.
Iranian leaders had been predicting a large scale offensive for the past few weeks. Its launching came four days before the fourth anniversary of

the victory of the revolution, led by Ayatollah Khomeini, on Feb. 11, 1979.
Iraqi leaders stated recently Iran had massed 150,000 troops in the southern sector of the 300-mile-long frontline in preparation for the offensive.
The immediate objective of the offensive named "Al Fajr" (before dawn) appeared to be to push about 60 kms (38 miles) into Iraq toward the town of Amara astride the strategic highway linking the capital Baghdad with the port of Basra in the south.
IRNA said some 250 sq kms (100 sq miles) of Iranian territory south of Fakhri was liberated during the first few hours of the massive operation carried out by the army and Revolutionary Guards assisted by local tribes and "countless volunteers."
The Iranians said they also liberated the Iranian border posts of Suleh, Safariyeh and Rashidiyeh, after 66 days of Iraqi occupation, and the Iraqi border posts of Safariyeh (same name as the Iranian post), Vehah and Karamch, IRNA said.
Fakhri is located on the border 60 kilometers (38 miles) northeast of the Iraqi town of Amara. The capture of Amara is believed to be a prime objective of the offensive.
IRNA said the Iranian forces were advancing "according to predetermined goals crossing vast minefields and inflicting vast blows on the remnants of the Iraqi army."
But Iraqi communiques said the first two attacking divisions were "crushed" and a tank column "completely destroyed."
They added nearly 7,000 Iranian soldiers were killed Monday in the Misan sector, and a large number of

Ali Saleh ends visit

JEDDAH, Feb. 7 (SPA) — North Yemeni President Ali Abdullah Saleh left here after a 24-hour visit during which he held talks with King Fahd and other leaders.
He was seen off by King Fahd, Defense Minister Prince Sultan, Foreign Minister Prince Saud and others.
President Ali said that his country needed aid for "reconstruction of the areas devastated by an earthquake which killed 3,000 persons. The loss was officially estimated at nearly \$34 billion."
A Yemeni newspaper in Sanaa said the talks included a report on the consequences of the earthquake and issues of mutual and Arab interest.

Soviets clarify missiles stand

MOSCOW, Feb. 7 (Agencies) — A top Soviet military official said Monday the Soviet Union would not give way to its insistence that British and French nuclear arsenals must be taken into account at the medium-range missile talks in Geneva.
Col. Gen. Nikolai Chervov, nuclear arms expert on the Soviet general staff, said Moscow regarded the two countries' nuclear forces as a "substantial military factor" and part of the general Western threat.
"Proceeding from its security interests the Soviet Union has no right to ignore the security forces of Britain and France," Gen. Chervov said in an interview with the semi-official Novosti press agency.
He said Moscow did not call for the reduction of the French and British forces nor that they should even be examined at the Geneva talks. But it would insist that their numerical strength be taken into account, he added.
So far Western leaders have officially rejected similar Soviet demands, arguing that the Geneva talks on medium-range missiles should cover only U.S. and Soviet weapons.
The West has declared that as the British and French nuclear forces are independent deterrents they cannot be included in an assessment of the NATO and Warsaw Pact power balance in Europe.
But in recent weeks there have been signs of some flexibility on the issue and hints that

Tudeh Party chief held

TEHRAN, Feb. 7 (AFP) — Nureddin Kianuri, general secretary of the Tudeh Party, Iran's Communist Party, has been arrested on charges of spying for the Soviet Union, the Azadegan newspaper reported Monday.
The newspaper report coincided with a statement issued by the revolutionary guards, which said the group arrested "several spies in relation with the KGB" on Saturday night.
Azadegan said that "Mr. Kianuri, a man who has a long past in a party that we know well," was arrested with several other ranking members of Tudeh. "Documents were discovered and these persons confessed from the first interrogations," it said.
Kianuri, 71, has been Tudeh's general secretary since September 1978. Nominally, Tudeh backs the regime in Tehran, but is still obliged to be discreet about its activities to avoid being banned.
The government and the party had seemed to have been at an uneasy peace in recent months, but in November a Tudeh magazine edited by Kianuri, Questions - Answers, suspended publication after it was seized.

Barbie's return casts a shadow

LYONS, Feb. 7 (R) — The return of Gestapo officer Klaus Barbie cast a shadow Monday over Lyons, the French city where he conducted a campaign of terror against the resistance to Nazi occupation 40 years ago.
A surge of emotion was felt in the city when Barbie was flown from Bolivia on Saturday, and locked in the same military jail where he killed and maimed resistance heroes, has been tempered with caution.
Barbie, 69, accused of crimes against humanity for activities which earned him the name "the butcher of Lyons," has been given a fresh sobriquet by the people of the city — "the man of secrets."
A resistance source said: "the return of Barbie means the return of fear for hundreds of people in the city who collaborated with the Germans and escaped justice."
He added: If Barbie tells only a fraction of what he knows, the time to settle more than a few accounts will have come."
The implications of secrets which the twice-convicted war criminal might tell have not been lost on the knots of people drawn to Montluc prison where he is incarcerated.
A man in his fifties gestured at the wall of the jail in central Lyons and said: "it is a pity that they cannot just stand him there and shoot him." Instead, Barbie will undergo questioning expected to last at least a year by Judge Christian Riss and then be put on trial.

350 Soviet spies said active in U.S.

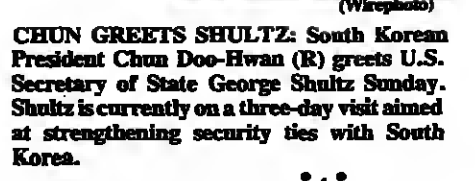
NEW YORK, Feb. 7 (AFP) — Some 350 Soviet secret agents are currently working in the United States, most of them in New York, Time magazine reported in its latest edition appearing Monday.
The weekly news magazine quoted a spokesman for the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) as saying the KGB, the Soviet secret police, had stepped up its activities in the United States.
The spokesman also said the KGB was intensifying its efforts to recruit agents in the government and the business community here, Time said.
Quoting U.S. counter-espionage sources, Time said at least one-third of the Soviet diplomats in the world were working for the KGB.
It also quoted a Soviet specialist at the London School of Economics, Leonard Shapiro, as saying the KGB had 700,000 agents worldwide and as many informers.
Time said the KGB efforts had borne some fruit, especially in obtaining high technology. It cited the legal exporting last year of the so-called "microliths."
The Perkin-Elmer Corporation sold the machines to a Swiss company in Neuchâtel, which resold them to a company called Eler Engineering.

Shultz, Chun debate security

SEOUL, Feb. 7 (Agencies) — U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz discussed security and other issues Monday with South Korean President Chun Doo-hwan. Shultz met with Chun for about 30 minutes before a lunch given by the president at his official residence, the Blue House.
Later on Shultz went to the demilitarized zone between North and South Korea and told the Seoul government the Reagan administration would try to boost military aid.
Shultz, who arrived Sunday on the third leg of an Asian tour (related story on page 6), emphasized the U.S. security commitment to South Korea in talks with officials and President Chun.
Korean government sources said Chun brought up matters of security cooperation between Seoul and Washington. Under present security arrangements, the United States has about 39,000 military personnel stationed in South Korea.
Shultz said earlier that the principal objective of his visit was to "reaffirm and support" the security link.
The sources, who declined to be identified, said Chun told Shultz that North Korea was continuing its military buildup, and also continued to spurn South Korean efforts aimed at opening a dialogue between Seoul and Pyongyang.
They said Chun also urged support for the development of South Korea's defense industry.
Chun also was said to have explained the call he first made in July for a summit conference of Pacific-area countries.
But a U.S. spokesman said he had found here officials upset by congressional cuts in South Korean military aid for the year beginning Oct. 1 from \$210 million to \$140.
Shultz told them the administration was sending Congress a supplementary aid request to make up the difference and was taking action to stretch out Seoul's military loan repayments.
Before traveling to the zone by helicopter and jeep, Shultz also had talks with Foreign Minister Lee Bum Suk.
At the zone, Shultz gazed through binoculars across to North Korea in freezing temperatures and heard a briefing on the defenses from a Korean colonel who said that if the North Koreans attacked, "there is no retreat. We will fight to the last man."

Indira's party trounces opposition

NEW DELHI, Feb. 7 (R) — Prime Minister Indira Gandhi's Congress (I) Party won control of the Delhi administration Monday and retrieved a great deal of prestige lost in recent Indian state elections.
Congress (I) gained absolute majorities in both the 56-seat Metropolitan Council which administers Delhi and its environs and the 100-member Municipal Corporation, easily beating its main rival, the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP).
Congress (I) won 33 of the 56 seats so far declared in the council while the BJP had 6. In the corporation, it was leading the BJP by 53 seats to 33 with 91 results declared.
The outcome of Sunday's poll was a great boost to Mrs. Gandhi's nationally ruling party, which lost control of its former southern strongholds of Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka in elections last month.
It faces two more state elections this month, in the northeastern states of Assam and Meghalaya. The BJP, led by former foreign minister Atal Behari Vajpayee, had expected to do well especially after the Congress losses in the South.
Vajpayee resigned as president of BJP following his defeat. In a letter to L.K. Advani, BJP general secretary, Vajpayee is understood to have said that he felt personally



CHUN GREET'S SHULTZ: South Korean President Chun Doo-hwan (R) greets U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz Sunday. Shultz is currently on a three-day visit aimed at strengthening security ties with South Korea.

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W. German team explores joint ventures in trade

By K.S. Ramkumar
Arab News Staff

JEDDAH, Feb. 7 — A 30-member delegation of businessmen from the West German federal state of Baden Wurttemberg, led by the state's Prime Minister Lothar Spaeth, held discussions with their Saudi Arabian counterparts here Monday, exploring prospects of partnerships and joint ventures in trade and production.

Spaeth said before leaving for Riyadh that the meetings and talks will continue "since we are interested in offering our technology." Moreover, he said, the two governments have an agreement on technical and vocational training being provided in West Germany.



Lothar Spaeth

Spaeth told reporters Sunday night that the possibilities of cooperation in developing and finishing products in big industries like steel, petroleum and chemical have "increased tremendously" in recent years with the Kingdom's industrial investments going "very strong." He said his delegation, as well as the one from his country's chamber of commerce are here to find out the Kingdom's requirements of the extent of German cooperation, especially among small and medium industries.

Spaeth said his state ranks "No. 1" in industrialization among the 11 states in his country. In 1982 alone, the state's total exports were valued at DM66 billion, accounting for 17 percent of the entire country's exports. About DM1.2 billion of the state's exports, constituting 20 percent, are going to the Kingdom, he added.

How industrialized and modernized his state is, he said, can be gauged from the fact that of the 80 German companies participating in the current Middle East Electricity and Electronic Exhibition here, 35 are from his state. According to Spaeth, the Arab region has become most important for his country, on par with the United States and Canada, from the trade point of view.

Asked about his country's stand on the Palestine issue, Spaeth said: "The Germans are behind the Venice declaration of the European community as well as the U.N. resolution on the issue and together with Americans we are trying for a lasting peace in the area. On one hand, we must accept the reality of Israel and on the other, we must find the possibility for the Palestinians to exist."

Four Indian groups seek to boost trade with Kingdom

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, Feb. 7 — Four major trade delegations from India are visiting Saudi Arabia within one week to discuss prospects



Yogesh Tiwari

of joint ventures and further expansion in the increasing trade between the two countries, according to Indian Embassy Deputy Chief of Mission Yogesh Tiwari.

Tiwari told *Arab News*, a four-member delegation from the Tata group of industries led by Ratan Tata, chairman of the leading industrial group, arrived here Sunday evening to meet leading businessmen and ponder prospects of joint ventures. The team will stay here through Feb. 10.

Other members of the mission include K.M. Chinnappa, vice president and managing director of Tata Electric Companies and Tata Consulting Engineers; Farrokh Kavarana, managing director of Tata International based in Switzerland; and A.H. Tobacowala, chairman of Voltas, he added.

Embassy Second Secretary (economic section) Sayeed Ahmad Khao said, in Saudi Arabia, the Tatas have been successful in the field of building and commissioning of desalination plants; operation and maintenance of power utilities; design, erection and servicing of air conditioning/refrigeration systems; operation and maintenance of a



PAKISTAN EXHIBITION: Deputy Minister of Commerce for Supplies Tawfik Ibrahim Tawfik, second from right, visited the Pakistan Exhibition. Shown here during his visit to the engineering section are Jalees Ahmad Siddiqi, commercial counselor at the embassy, left, and Salahuddin Qureshi, director-general of Export Promotion Bureau, right.

Jeddah projects total SR8.1b

JEDDAH, Feb. 7 — Projects carried out by Jeddah Municipality under Saudi Arabia's First, Second and Third Five-Year Development Plans totaled SR8.1 billion, *Al-Madineh* reported.

The figure was mentioned by Deputy Mayor Dr. Muhammad Ali Qahtan as he delivered a speech during festivities here in connection with King Fahd's visit. SR1.5 billion went for asphalt, pavement construction

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Pakistan fair receives good response; over 50,000 visit

By Suresh Shah
Arab News Staff

JEDDAH, Feb. 7 — Over 50,000 people, including senior government officials, top businessmen, senior expatriate managers and a large number of Pakistani nationals, visited the Pakistan Industrial Exhibition in the first week, according to Mahboob H.M. Saddique, executive director of the Saudi-Pakistan Commercial Center in Jeddah where the exhibition was opened on Jan. 25.

Saddique told *Arab News* the response has been highly satisfactory and encouraging. Pakistani suppliers have been able to make useful contacts with Saudi Arabian businessmen and finalize a number of deals for the supply of goods, particularly machinery and engineering items.

"Negotiations for more business continue and are expected to be finalized soon. Considering the tremendous response, the fair has been extended by one more week ending Friday, Feb. 11," he added.

Deputy Minister of Commerce for Supplies Tawfik Ibrahim Tawfik flew from Riyadh to Jeddah specially to visit the Pakistan exhibition. He was received and taken to various stalls and pavilions by Pakistan's Export Promotion Bureau (EPB) Director General Salahuddin Qureshi and the Embassy Commercial Counselor Jalees Ahmad Siddiqi.

Saddique said the deputy minister highly appreciated the crafts, engineering goods and other products and advised the participants to appoint their agents in the Kingdom for permanent marketing of their products and regular flow in the future. In view of growing competition in the market, Tawfik also advised suppliers to keep the quality of their goods at international levels and prices most competitive and expressed the hope that the center will play a pivotal role in expanding Pakistan's exports to the Kingdom.

EPB Director General Qureshi termed the exhibition "as very successful and could create the destined impact on the minds of Saudi businessmen and public about the production capabilities of Pakistan." He hoped the exhibition will have a lasting impact on expansion of Pakistan's exports to the Kingdom.

Commercial Counselor Jalees Siddiqi said many new items displayed in the fair have bright prospects in the Kingdom. The machine-made all-wool carpets manufactured by the Pakistan Industrial Development Corporation; and Rayon and acetate yarn introduced by Ravi Rayon Ltd., for local prayer mat industry along with yeast for bakery and food industry have a good chance for marketing. "Our national dress Salwar-Kameez and footballs used for World Cup have received good response," he added.

Steel technology aids Pakistan's engineering base

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, Feb. 7 — Pakistan's recently-acquired steel technology has already started having its "healthy impact" on the country in creating its engineering base, according to Pakistan Steel Director (Public Relations) Askari Husain.

Husain, who has been here since Jan. 21 in connection with the Pakistan Industrial Exhibition, currently being held at the Pak-Saudi Commercial Center, Al-Huda Street, told *Arab News* that the technology has been "reflecting into the upswing of the industry and greater utilization of capacities."

The \$2,500 million Pakistan Steel project, whose model has been displayed at the exhibition, has sent a two-member delegation here to explore the marketing possibility of billets and pig iron. "We have sold pig iron totaling

250,000 tons to India and have been importing iron ore from that country," Husain said.

The first blast furnace fired on Aug. 14, 1981, has since been producing pig iron. In November it started turning out coke, and billets as well. "Very soon, maybe in three months, we will also be producing hot rolled sheets," Husain added.

He said the production of the blast furnace is 108 percent of the rated capacity of 1,750 tons per day. "We will have a second blast furnace fired within five months," Husain said adding that the annual capacity of the entire project will then be around 1.2 million tons.

The 29.3-square-mile project, he said, also includes an oxygen plant, a thermal unit, and a large township of 30,000 people.

"Since the time we have gone into production, its effect on the country's economy has been good. Previously our consumption of pig iron annually was 25,000 tons but after we went into production, our consumption increased. Last year's consumption was around 60,000 tons," Husain said.

The objective of the project, according to him, is to provide an engineering base to the country. The metallurgical training center has been declared as the "center of excellence" by the United Nations. "From now on, steel mills to be set up in developing countries will send their artisans and engineers for

training there," Husain said.

"We have borrowed Rs. 500 million from Russia which amounts to 20 percent of the project cost to be repaid within 12 years of the commencement of production. The loan has covered technical assistance, cost of machinery and training expenses," Husain added.



Askari Husain

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- 3) Precise identification of the entity expressing interest.

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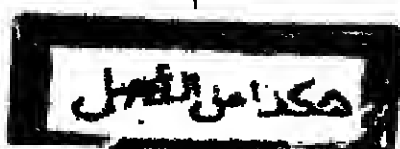
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Modern film processing labs to open soon

Bottle, juice can factory planned

By Habib Rahman
Arab News Staff

JEDDAH, Feb. 7 — A leading Saudi Arabian businessman is planning to establish a large factory here which will manufacture different sizes of bottles and small juice cans. Muhammad Shamsan told Arab News that the factory will be located in Jeddah's Industrial Estate and will cover an area of 14,000 square meters.

Shamsan, who owns 22 retail camera shops throughout the Kingdom where almost all cameras made in Japan are sold, also said he will open three ultra-modern film processing laboratories very soon in the country. The labs will be fully equipped with Mitsubishi machines. In just one hour 400 rolls of films will be processed and printed. This is the first time in the Kingdom that such modern labs are being opened.

The labs will be located one each in Jeddah, Riyadh and Dhahran and will be automatic and computer-controlled. "The processing cost will be much less than the prevalent market price," he said. Stressing that the camera business is very good, Shamsan said he will introduce in the Kingdom's market soon an ultra-modern color video camera, made by Olympus Co. Of Japan.

The color video camera, the first time to be introduced in the country, has an auto focus mechanism which adjusts focus automatically and continuously via infrared autofocus sensors. "No other camera in the market has this outstanding feature," he said.

The camera has an electronic viewfinder which shows exactly what is being recorded and allows playing back the tape for visual check after the recording. It can be handled by remote control while its display controls indicate titles, stopwatch, tape counter, counter memory and the remaining battery charge. With automatic Iris Control, appropriate lighting is ensured.

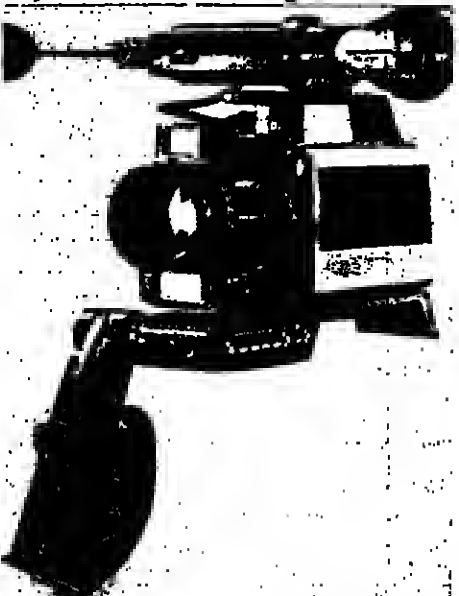
The camera's highly sensitive unidirectional microphone with telescoping boom provides clear sound recording simultaneously with video recording. Built-in is a wind screen to prevent unwanted noise. The optional film transfer adapter VF-KR1 makes it possible to reverse ordinary color negatives to positive image for video recording.

Shamsan said that he recently introduced for the first time in the Kingdom the Mamiya RZ67 professional camera. He added that it is the world's most versatile, most responsive

medium-format single-lens reflex photographic system. This camera is said to surpass in quality even the famed RB series lenses.

The RZ67 Professional incorporates major advances in lens performance, handling ease, electronic operation and control functions, along with new system accessories, to give the photographer more simpler creative potential than ever before.

Other new cameras to be introduced in the market soon are Olympus OM30 and OM20, both big cameras which incorporate most advanced technology, and XA1 and XA2. "The XA cameras are very small and light and most sophisticated. They are totally automatic with high power electronic programmed shutter, very simple 'focus-free' system and two-tone self-timer beeper." They are so small that they easily slip into handbag or pocket. Fitted with sliding dust barrier in



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COLOR VIDEO CAMERA: A number of features are included in this Olympus color video camera which will soon be introduced in the Kingdom. It has an electronic viewfinder and automatic focusing.

French offer 'full support' to GCC role

PARIS, Feb. 7 (SPA) — France has expressed full support for the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) and appreciation of its role in strengthening stability in the region, GCC Secretary-General Abdullah Bishara said here.

Speaking to reporters after calling on French External Relations Minister Claude Cheysson, Bishara said his talks covered questions of mutual interest and the GCC role.

He added that he had conveyed to the French minister the outcome of his talks with Olof Palme, the Swedish premier and special envoy of U.N. Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar, on the Iraq-Iran war.

Bishara stressed GCC support for all efforts being made to bring the war to an end. The GCC secretary-general arrived here Thursday as part of a European tour designed to explain GCC aims and principles.

Canadian writer researching Saudi Arabia for book

DAMMAM, Feb. 7 (SPA) — A prominent woman Canadian writer is currently touring the Eastern Province to acquaint herself with the aspects of progress and developments in Saudi Arabia.

The visit, part of the writer's tour of the Kingdom at the invitation of the Ministry of

place of case or lens cap it takes extraordinary pictures on full-frame 35mm film," he said, adding that they are known as "Capsule cameras." The most advantage of them is that they work on solar power or any other light source and do not require batteries.

Other cameras that have been introduced recently are Mamiya C330f and C220 twin-lens reflex camera system, said to be good for professionals, and Mamiya Universal Press Compact Multi-Format Camera system.



Muhammad Shamsan

49 Saudia pilots obtain int'l licenses

DAMMAM, Feb. 7 — A total of 49 pilots under contract with the national air carrier, Saudia, have obtained international licenses to fly Boeing 747, 707 and 737 and Tristar 1011 planes, *Al-Riyadh* reported. The pilots have successfully completed an intensive training course on those types of planes at Saudia's training center in Jeddah.

One Saudi Arabian pilot received license to fly Boeing 747, while 21 pilots were permitted to fly Tristars and three to fly Boeing 707. Another 24 pilots were given the license to fly Boeing 737. All the pilots are Saudi Arabians.

As for foreign pilots, two were allowed to fly Boeing 747, 33 to fly Tristar 1011, six to fly Boeing 701 and 13 to fly Boeing 737.

At the same time, three probationary pilots from among 93 receiving basic air training in Saudi Arabia have completed all the training stages and joined Saudia.

10 p.m. closing time required for video shops

TAIF, Feb. 7 — All video sales and leasing shops in Saudi Arabia will now have to close by 10 p.m. every day, *Al-Bilad* reported. The instructions have already been given to all dealers.

At the same time, special committees are at present actively inspecting video shops to make sure that they fulfill the official requirements for their activities. Films and tapes on display are being checked to ascertain that they do not run counter to the tenets of Islam and to the country's traditions and ethics.

Information, includes trips to cultural landmarks, oil installations archaeological sites, irrigation and drainage projects and the Rab-Al-Khali (Empty Quarter Region).

The visitor, Mrs. Sarah Shepard, proposes to write a book illustrating the Kingdom's renaissance, culture and history.



READY FOR BUSINESS: A shisha shop located near the busy International Shopping Center on Madinah Road with employees preparing for the brisk business expected later in the day. The shishas on the left have been all cleaned and stand at attention awaiting new customers, while the bowls at the center have also been cleaned and prepared. At right is the charcoal bin kept hot.

UNICEF pondering measures to reduce infant mortality

By Devadas Kini
Riyadh Bureau

RIYADH, Feb. 7 — Nearly 200,000 children, five years old and younger, die every year in the seven Gulf states — Yemen, the United Arab Emirates, Bahrain, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait and Iraq — and this can be brought down by 25 percent within two to three years with better immunization against tetanus, polio and the use of oral rehydration therapy against diarrheal diseases, according to Dr. Richard Jolly, UNICEF deputy executive director for programs.

He said the infant mortality rates between 100 and 130 in most Gulf countries, the highest being in Oman with 128 and the lowest in Kuwait with 39. The average rate can be reduced to 75 or 90 in three to five years and down to 35 or 40 in 10 years, if there is proper organization and effective community participation.

"The critical thing is not large sums of money but trained personnel who can disseminate information, reach supplies and encourage community participation," he said. He cited the case of Sri Lanka where infant mortality has been brought down to 37 though the per capita income is only

\$270 per annum.

These and other child welfare measures have been discussed by Jolly and Dr. Charles Egger, regional director of UNICEF in the Middle East and North Africa with Prince Talal, UNICEF special envoy and president of AGFUND as well as with Hazam ibn Hasbar, assistant director in Prince Talal's office and Abdul Malik Farrash, director general of technical cooperation.

Jolly told Arab News that UNICEF experts and government officials will meet in April to draw up a plan of action. He said much has been done in the Kingdom to improve the health of children — some 48 percent of the children are being immunized against polio and there is a swing away from bottle-feeding to breast feeding due to government publicity campaigns through TV and other channels in the last two years.

He said AGFUND finance has enabled UNICEF to take many child welfare measures in Pakistan, Sudan and many other countries of Africa and Latin America. According to him GOBI (growth monitoring, oral rehydration therapy, breast feeding and immunization) program is the key to the welfare of children everywhere.

Pay incentive for marriage urged

JEDDAH, Feb. 7 — An associate professor at King Abdul Aziz University here has proposed that the Kingdom raise the salaries of married officials to prompt Saudi Arabians to get married, *Al-Madina* reported.

Dr. Abdullah Al-Mubammad Al-Khuraiji,

professor at the sociology section, made a study of Saudi Arabian boys who turn away from marriage because of expensive dowries. The professor has also proposed giving married couples social subsidies and granting them lodging and other advantages.

Two U.S. firms removed from Arab boycott list

RIYADH, Feb. 7 (SPA) — Commerce Ministry Dr. Soliman A. Solaim has removed two U.S. firms and all their subsidiaries from the Arab boycott list. The firms concerned are Klot Bibod and the Arokimbuey. The decision was taken after it was proved that two companies did not violate provisions of the Arab boycott of Israel.

Light fixture plant being established

JEDDAH, Feb. 7 — The Kingdom's requirements of electric light tube fixtures may soon be obtained locally with the setting up of a new electrical plant here to manufacture fixtures, plastic tube holders and chocks, according to the latest issue of *Saudi Business*.

Local businessman Muhammad Alhabshi, who has been in the electrical appliances import business for the last 20 years, is setting up the plant, claimed to be the first of its kind in the Kingdom, for manufacture of electrical items.

Alhabshi said he is putting up the entire SR4 million capital of the company, but the Saudi Industrial Development Fund is loaning the firm SR2 million, repayable within five years. The company has already obtained 4,500 square meters of land in the fourth stage of the New Industrial Estate.

"I hope to begin erecting the factory in the next four to six months. This is the first time I am trying my hand at a factory, so I am eager to begin," Alhabshi said adding that the machinery will take up SR1 million of the investment and will be imported mainly from Japan and India.

The new venture, called Alanwar, has been licensed to produce 500,000 pieces of fixtures and an equal number of chocks every year. The chock is the block through which electric power is double that production in the second year of operation, in 1985, and triple it in the third. Eventually, Alhabshi hopes the turnover of the factory will reach SR15 million a year.

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GCC protests Syrian support to Iran in war

KUWAIT, Feb. 7 (AP) — Governments of the Gulf Cooperation Council have instructed their ambassadors to Syria to communicate an expression of "deep concern" over the Jan. 23 Syrian-Libyan-Iranian joint communiqué against Iraq, the newspaper *Al-Anba* reported Monday.

The ambassadors, the paper said, told Foreign Minister Abdul Halim Khaddam that the tripartite joint communiqué — which voiced support to Iran against Iraq — constituted a "dangerous precedent in Arab relations, a betrayal of Arab traditions and Arab League covenants."

Khaddam assured the envoys that reports about the communiqué have been "exaggerated," said the paper without elaborating.

Meanwhile, Minister of State for Cabinet Affairs Aziz Hussein told reporters that the ruler of Kuwait, Sheikh Jaber Al-Ahmad, recently received a message from Iraqi President Saddam Hussein dealing with the tripartite communiqué.

"The communiqué is regrettable," said Hussein. "Kuwait wished all efforts were channeled toward bringing an end of the

Egypt, Sudan view Mideast situation

KHARTOUM, Feb. 7 (Agencies) — Egyptian Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Boutros Boutros Ghali held talks with Sudan's President Jaafar Numeiri on Middle East developments and other issues of bilateral interest, the official Sudan News Agency (SUNA) reported.

It said the Egyptian minister, who arrived in the Sudanese capital Sunday morning, also handed President Numeiri a message from President Hosni Mubarak on the outcome of his recent talks in the United States, Canada, Britain and France.

Ghali's discussions with the Sudanese leader, SUNA said, also dealt with the forthcoming nonaligned summit in New Delhi in which the leaders of both countries are due to participate.

"The Middle East crisis, the Israeli invasion of Lebanon, the Palestinian cause and African issues" will be discussed at the summit Ghali told reporters.

"My talks with Sudanese leaders included the Middle East crisis and efforts to reach a solution, the issue of the Organization of African Unity (OAU) and how to solve its present crisis," the Middle East News Agency quoted Ghali as saying.

Sudan and Egypt have closely aligned their foreign policies in recent years and have embarked on an integration scheme which forces even greater cooperation in foreign, domestic and economic activity.

"Both Egypt and Sudan are in perfect agreement on the importance of the OAU," Ghali told reporters. Last November the OAU summit failed to convene in Libya because Libyan leader Muammar Qaddafi refused to allow a Chadian delegation headed by Hissene Habre to attend the summit. Ghali said both Egypt and Sudan are contacting friendly African countries on ways to solve this crisis.

5,000 prisoners go on hunger strike

BEIRUT, Feb. 7 (AP) — More than 5,000 prisoners at an Israeli detention camp in southern Lebanon have begun a hunger strike to protest the lack of heating facilities inside the prison, the Palestinian news agency Wafa reported Monday.

Wafa, the Palestine Liberation Organization's agency which has been based in Nicosia since the evacuation of Palestinian commandos from Beirut last September, said the pris-

oners of Ansar intended to continue the strike which began Sunday until the prison is warm enough to counter heavy rains.

The news agency said the condition of many ailing prisoners had deteriorated with the lack of heating facilities in the camp, located near the Israeli-occupied southern Lebanese market town of Nabatieh, 16 kilometers north of Israel.

Palestinians want better ties with Egypt

CAIRO, Feb. 7 (AP) — A senior Palestine Liberation Organization official said in an interview published Monday that the "greater majority" of Palestinians want continued cooperation with Egypt, amid reports that PLO hardliners are upset with chief Yasser Arafat for his increased contacts with the Cairo government.

Sedki Dajani, member of the PLO executive committee, told weekly newspaper *Maya* that Egyptian-PLO relations will be discussed at the Palestine National Council in its meeting in Algiers Feb. 14.

"There is a disagreement about Egyptian-Palestinian relations in the Arab world because of certain Arab countries' positions. Disagreements are also present between PLO factions, but the greater majority of our people are marching toward a clear goal which is cooperation between Egypt and the Palestinians," Dajani told *Maya*.

The PLO and 17 Arab states severed diplomatic ties with Egypt following its peace treaty with Israel in 1979, recently there have been increased, widely publicized, contacts between Arafat and Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak and Egyptian officials.

Meanwhile, it was reported that top Palestinian leaders will meet in Algiers for four days before the opening of the 16th PNC gathering, a Palestine Liberation Organization official said Sunday.

Ahmad Abdul Rahman, the head of the PLO's information committee, said the four-day closed meeting would be attended by the leaders of the PLO's eight factions, the 15 members of the PLO executive committee and the leadership of the PNC, which functions as a parliament in exile.

PLO firm on homeland

ALGIERS, Feb. 7 (AP) — Palestinians have no intention of backing down from their insistence on an independent Palestinian state, according to Palestine National Council (PNC) President Khaled Fahoum.

"All relations with Arab countries will be in a constitutional framework, defined by our people, after the establishment of an independent Palestinian state in favor of which a consensus has emerged," Fahoum told Algerie Presse Service Sunday.

Druze, Christians sign ceasefire agreement

KHALDE, Feb. 7 (AP) — Christian and Druze militias signed an Israeli-sponsored peace accord Monday, pledging to end sectarian warfare in Lebanese mountains overlooking Beirut.

The pact was announced by Brig. Gen. Amnool Lifkin, commanding officer of the Israeli Army in central Lebanon at a news conference here as American, Israeli and Lebanese negotiators held their 13th round of troop withdrawal talks.

Both the Christian Phalangist Party and the Druze Progressive Socialist Party issued separate statements pledging adherence to the peace accord that called for a prompt ceasefire, removal of checkpoints, dismantling of military positions and an immediate exchange of kidnapped hostages.

Earlier, Druze militiamen claimed to have overrun all Christian positions in the west-

ern section of Aley, a strategic town on the international highway linking Beirut with the Syrian capital, Damascus.

A communiqué issued late Sunday by the Druze Socialist Progressive Party said the main Christian Phalangist Party headquarters in Aley was set afire and that Christian militiamen were fleeing the town, leaving behind 25 slain combatants.

The Phalangist Party indirectly conceded defeat in Aley, saying over the Phalangist Voice of Lebanon radio station their fighters pulled out of the city as "Socialists hurried and looted houses in neighborhoods" of Aley.

Druze warriors and Christians have been fighting for the last two months in the Israeli-occupied central mountains of Lebanon.

Earlier Sunday, the two sides traded hit-and-run grenade assaults behind artillery and roc-



ket barrages. Police said at least five persons were killed.

There has been fighting in Aley, a Shouf Mountain town bordering the Damascus-Beirut Highway, for several weeks. Druze militia of the PSP, which is headed by Lebanese nationalist leader Walid Jumblatt, have been holding the eastern quarter and "Lebanese Forces" the western.

PSP communiqué said its forces had "total control" of the town and called on Aley Christians to return to their homes, where they would enjoy "total safety."

The Voice of Lebanon radio announced that the Christian quarter had been subjected Sunday to heavy shelling from various points, "reaching an intensity of six shells a minute."

Lebanese radios later reported that Aley was calm again, but said there were fierce artillery duels going on farther west between Aftat, held by the PSP, and Souk el Garbi, held by the "Lebanese Forces," and also between Showeifat (PSP) and Kfar Shima ("Lebanese Forces") in Beirut's southern suburb.

All are in Israeli-occupied territory.

The nationalist Voice of Arab Lebanon radio, however, accused Christian militia of opening fire.

UNIFIL says Israel resorts to blackmail

LONDON, Feb. 7 (AFP) — The United Nations is worried about Israeli-trained militia forces in southern Lebanon villages, according to documents published here Monday by the *Times*.

The daily newspaper quoted a confidential report drawn up by the U.N. Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL) saying that Israeli troops were using pressure, detention and blackmail to force village chiefs to fall in with their plans in the zone assigned to the UNIFIL buffer troops.

The documents, which also accused the Israelis of "impulsive and undisciplined behavior" toward U.N. personnel, said watching the movements of Israeli troops was "the most difficult problem confronting UNIFIL." The U.N. troops were to deal with that problem with maximum firmness.

According to the U.N. documents, the Israeli Army was determined to remain in southern Lebanon, where it would like to exaggerate every incident capable of proving to the world that the United Nations and the multinational force are not capable of giving (Israel) the guarantee of a safe northern border.

Meanwhile, the Israeli government decided at its weekly meeting Sunday to halt its war of attrition with Washington over the ongoing friction in Lebanon between Israeli forces and the U.S. Marine contingent to the multinational peacekeeping force.

The last of half a dozen incidents between Israeli troops and U.S. Marines occurred last week when a Marine captain reportedly drew his gun to prevent three Israeli tanks from entering a U.S.-controlled zone.

Shamir in Bonn

BONN, Feb. 7 (AP) — Israeli Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir, on a four-day visit to West Germany, met with President Karl Carstens Monday for a first round of consultations on bilateral matters and the situation in the Middle East.

This meeting was followed up by discussions with Chancellor Helmut Kohl and Shamir's host, Foreign Minister Hans Dietrich Genscher.

Genscher had asked Shamir on his arrival Sunday that Israel tackle the Middle East problems with reality and decisiveness to bring them nearer a solution.

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Soviet naval force doubled in Pacific

PENANG, Malaysia, Feb. 7 (AFP) — The size of the Soviet naval force using the Vietnamese base at Cam Ranh Bay has nearly doubled in the last year and now includes four submarines, U.S. naval intelligence experts said here Monday.

The analysts said that the facilities accorded Moscow at the U.S.-built base appeared to be still transitory and there was no indication of a major Soviet effort to develop shore-based infrastructure. But they also said the Soviet Union had accelerated its buildup at the base on the South China Sea and expressed concern that the size of the Soviet force there would increase further.

The sources, who asked that their names and ranks be withheld, made their comments at a briefing aboard *Blue Ridge*, flagship of the U.S. Seventh Fleet which paid a call at this western Malaysian island.

The intelligence experts said that among the Soviet ships that commonly use Cam Ranh Bay are one nuclear attack submarine, two conventional attack submarines and an

older type of sub.

The force at the base is supplemented by backup vessels such as a submarine repair ship and a floating hospital, the analysts said. It also includes a couple of major surface combat ships and four long-range TU-95 Bear aircraft, two for anti-submarine warfare and two for reconnaissance, they said.

One analyst said the Soviet appeared to be using Cam Ranh Bay as a forward staging facility and had installed enough floating infrastructure to support a significant force.

Vietnam has steadfastly denied the presence of foreign bases on its soil although Foreign Minister Nguyen Co Thach has said "that doesn't mean it will always be so in the future."

The U.S. analysts said that since 1981, Moscow appeared to be moving its focus to the Pacific from the Indian Ocean, where, for the first time in four years, the Soviet Union currently does not have a single major combat vessel.

Even by allies

South African regime accused of destabilizing neighbors

JOHANNESBURG, Feb. 7 (AP) — South Africa is finding itself accused from all sides of pursuing a systematic strategy of destabilizing its independent black-ruled neighbors in order to maintain its economic supremacy in the region and assure the white minority regime's hold on power in Pretoria.

The frontline states (Angola, Botswana, Mozambique, Tanzania, Zambia and Zimbabwe) have been the sharpest in their denunciations of what they have variously described as "state terrorism" or "banditry." But the attacks have since the beginning of this year also come from Pretoria's allies such as the United States. The State Department has for example, said that rebel National Resistance Movement (MNR) in Mozambique receives the bulk of its support from Pretoria. Foreign Minister P.W. Botha has since confirmed this.

United Nations Secretary General Javier Perez de Cuellar, currently touring Africa, has also accused South Africa of seeking to destabilize its neighbors and said its armed attacks on them must stop. At the opening of parliament last week, the government had to face a barrage of questions and has been accused of incompetence by the conservative as well as the liberal parliamentary opposition to the administration of Prime Minister P.W. Botha.

The Roman Catholic church, the country's most powerful, has at the same time repeated that the South African-led forces fighting nationalist forces in Namibia are committing "atrocities." Botha dismissed this web of accusations as a further example of Marxist

propaganda promoted by some African heads of state, radical clergymen, some of the media and Communists working abroad.

But the press, over the last week or so, published a catalogue of recent South African aggressions. These ranged from the raids on bases of the banned Africa National Congress — one in Mozambique in January 1981, which left 12 dead, another in December last year in Lesotho, which left 42 dead and the killing of an ANC activist, the first in Mozambique last August with a parcel bomb.

The newspapers have detailed sabotage committed by the MNR in Mozambique and also by Unita (Union for the Total Independence of Angola) and the Lesotho Liberation Army (LLA). The Angolan rebels are South African-supported and the LLA is said to be. The South African forces are in addition guilty of repeated incursions into Angola from Namibia.

The prime minister told MPs that South Africa had offered a hand to states in the region prepared to sign non-aggression treaties. He stressed Pretoria's preparedness to open a dialogue, as manifested by his meeting last year with Zambian President Kenneth Kaunda, or more recently by the talks in December with Angola in Cape Verde and with Mozambique the same month at the Komatipoort border post.

But Botha reaffirmed his government's determination to exercise its "right of pursuit" outside South Africa's borders in order to "remove the nests" of the ANC and other Namibia's "South West Africa: People's Organization" (SWAPO).

Blast damages Japanese warship

TOKYO, Feb. 7 (AFP) — A newly commissioned helicopter-carrying destroyer of Japan's Maritime Self-Defense Force (MSDF) is now completely non-operational due to unusually prolonged repair work on one of its two boilers, the English language newspaper *Japan Times* reported Sunday.

The 5,200-ton *Kurama*, largest warship ever commissioned by MSDF, is designed to carry three large-size Anti-Submarine Warfare (ASW) helicopters as well as missiles and guns. It was completed in March 1981 at a cost of some \$170 million.

The accident which wrecked the boiler happened Oct. 13 while the ship was moored at a pier of Sasebo port, a former naval port of the defunct imperial army, the paper said. No casualties were reported. The explosion des-

troyed the No. 1 boiler and severely damaged the exhaust fume duct.

The paper quoted defense agency officials as saying that it would take at least two more months to complete the repair work at an estimated cost of \$851,060. The *Kurama* was to assume a leading role in the MSDF's surface fleet.

Its commissioning had been long awaited, now that Japan's latest defense plans involve the sea lanes up to 1,000 nautical miles from the Japanese coasts. The *Japan Times* quoted informed sources as saying. The destroyer is one of the first MSDF ships to be equipped with the "phalanx" close-in air defense system, claimed to be effective against the Exocet-type anti-ship missiles used in the Falklands War.

Andrew's new girl-friend is model

LONDON, Feb. 7 (R) — Prince Andrew's latest girl-friend is an ex-bunny girl known to her friends as Kermit the Frog. The *Daily Mirror* newspaper reported Monday.

It said the prince, second son of Queen Elizabeth, took 23-year-old Ruth Burnett to a top London disco before sailing for the United States last week in the aircraft carrier *Invincible*. The prince, 23 this month, was a helicopter pilot operating from *Invincible* during last year's Anglo-Argentine war over the Falklands.

Monday's *Mirror* carried a front-page pic-

ture of the raven-haired beauty. It said she was introduced to the prince by their mutual friend Koo Stark who made headlines over her Caribbean holiday with him.

Ruth, an actress and model, is known to her friends as Kermit after the frog in the television muppet series. Her flatmate in fashionable Kensington said Sunday: "She won't say much about her date, except that she thinks Andrew is smashing."

Koo, meanwhile, is visiting the U.S. and plans to meet Andrew in about 10 days.

Britain drops missile ads. campaign plan

LONDON, Feb. 7 (Agencies) — Britain's Conservative government has abandoned a planned \$1.55-million advertising campaign to push its policy of accepting U.S. Cruise nuclear missiles, *The Observer* newspaper reported Sunday.

A Defense Department spokesman said, however, no final decision has been made on whether to go ahead with the campaign. The proposal sparked an outcry from Britain's opposition parties which accused Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher of planning to use state funds for Conservative Party propaganda.

Mrs. Thatcher, who has recently been describing herself as the "true disarmar," is known to be concerned about growing opposition to the deployment of U.S. nuclear missiles in this country. Opinion polls show that while a majority favors Britain retaining its own nuclear weapons, a 54 percent majority think Cruise should be banned.

The *Observer* said protests from the main opposition Labor Party, which favors unilateral nuclear disarmament, and the centrist Social Democrat-Liberal Party alliance had prompted the government to drop the advertising plan. Britain is due to take 170 Cruise missiles, starting this December, under a NATO plan to deploy 572 medium-range missiles in Western Europe unless the two superpowers reach a disarmament agreement at talks which resumed last month in Geneva.

Meanwhile, a survey published Monday by *The Guardian* newspaper shows Britain's ruling Conservative Party is far more popular than other parties and would easily win a general election if it were held now.

Of 1,459 persons interviewed, 40 percent backed Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's Conservative against 26 percent for Labor,

Matabeleland issue may divide Zimbabwe

Mugabe's stern steps resented

BULAWAYO, Zimbabwe, Feb. 7 (AFP) — The mood is grim in this sun-baked city as reports abound of murders by renegade guerrillas and shootings of civilians by the army, and groups of peasants fleeing the rural areas can be seen at churches and bus stations with bags of their belongings.

The current turmoil in southwestern Zimbabwe's Matabeleland poses one of the most significant and sticky challenges to Prime Minister Robert Mugabe's nearly three-year-old government. The Matabeleland issue is particularly serious because it threatens to divide the country on political and ethnic lines, making unrest in the southwest a festering sore.

Mugabe's government is faced with the dilemma of quelling the ongoing violence from anti-government dissidents centered in the southwest, but rough action by his army in this area now risks alienating the general population and increasing anti-government sentiments. "This place is on fire," said a Matabeleland white farmer. "It's alarming how fast the situation is degenerating to just what we had in the war."

The white farmers of the region have been allowed by the government to rearm themselves as they had been during the war to end minority rule. But the farmers remain very uneasy.

The latest development in the ongoing dissident problem is the harsh treatment Mugabe's "Praetorian Guard" — the Fifth Brigade — is reportedly meting out to the region's peasants. Opposition leader Joshua Nkomo, whose stronghold is Matabeleland, has charged that the Fifth Brigade has killed more than 100 civilians in two weeks. "It's a political, a tribal army," Nkomo said this week. "It's an army of ZANU-PF," a reference to Mugabe's ruling party, generally supported by Zimbabwe's 75 percent majority Shona-speaking population.

Nkomo charged that the soldiers were in

the southwest to wipe out Ndebeles, concentrated in the region, who make up almost 20 percent of the population and largely follow Nkomo. Government leaders have bitterly attacked Nkomo for such remarks, but they have not categorically denied his accusations that civilians are being killed. They have merely said that rough action by the Fifth Brigade is needed to "liquidate" the dissidents.

The dissident problem began in earnest last March following the arrest of the two commanders of Nkomo's disbanded guerrilla army, Dumiso Dabengwa and Zimbabwe Army Lt. Gen. Lookout Masuku, who were charged with allegedly plotting to overthrow Mugabe's government. Some of the commanders' followers then left the national army and took to the bush, destroying government property, robbing, kidnapping and killing more than 70 persons.

"Dabengwa is the only man who could get the dissident problem under control," one white farmer said. The trial of Dabengwa and Lt. Gen. Masuku is scheduled to open Monday and is expected to raise tensions here even higher. Mugabe's government has deployed 5,000 police and army men throughout Matabeleland but they were unable to stop the sporadic dissident attacks. At the year-end, a series of violent and gruesome dissident killings took more than a dozen lives.

In response, the government late last month sent in part of the Fifth Brigade, the army unit of hand-picked men loyal to Mugabe's party, trained by North Korean advisers. The 5,000-strong brigade is almost exclusively Shona and has a reputation for being rough. The Fifth Brigade's current sweep through Matabeleland is reported to be brutal on the rural people. Villagers' accounts support Nkomo's claims that more than 100 persons have been killed by the army.

The rural people said the brigade is rounding up people, shooting a few of the young men apparently suspected of being dissidents and beating up members of Nkomo's party. The Fifth Brigade men have also gone to commercial farms and beaten up and lacerated black laborers with bayonets, according to white farmers. Several farmers said the army has taken away about half their work force, giving no explanation.

Villagers and white farmers alike have complained about recent army excesses to the police.

Although Nkomo's party and independent activists are calling for conciliation between the rival parties and some sort of political negotiations to defuse the dissident problem, Mugabe's party seems determined to stay tough.

Defiant officers said executed by Romanians

LONDON, Feb. 7 (AFP) — A number of Romanian army officers were executed after an unsuccessful coup attempt in Bucharest late last month, according to rumors in the Romanian capital, *The Times* newspaper reported Monday.

But it stressed, quoting diplomatic sources, that the rumors had not been confirmed. "If the rumors turn out to be true, the incident would represent a much more direct military challenge to established Communist Party rule than the imposition of martial law in Poland," the newspaper said.

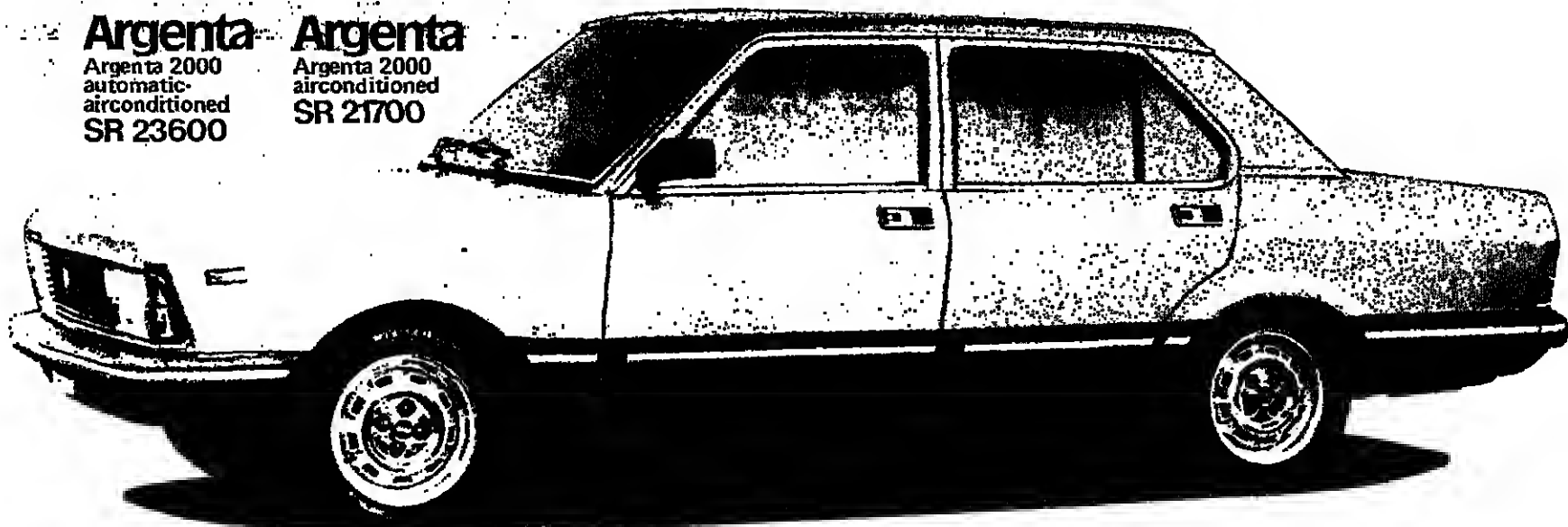
An attempted coup would "certainly be viewed with alarm by party leaderships throughout the Soviet bloc as they grapple with a deepening economic crisis," *The Times* said.

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Though problems remain

Shultz enhances Chinese trust

PEKING, Feb. 7 (AP) — U.S. Secretary of State George P. Shultz, who came to China to rekindle a sputtering political relationship, apparently succeeded in enhancing mutual trust but a number of pressing bilateral problems remain unresolved.

After Shultz departed Sunday, the official Chinese news agency Xinhua said his trip was successful only "to some extent." It denounced U.S. arms sales to Taiwan and said China demands "actual deeds rather than empty words" to improve relations.

Foreign diplomatic analysts said the talks appeared to have been very tough going but suggested that relations now might settle on a sound, realistic footing, without great expectations or ground strategic designs.

Before the trip, U.S. officials had cautioned that no major agreements, breakthroughs or diplomatic miracles were expected from the four days of tough talks with Chinese leaders who have accused the United States of hegemonism and unreliability. Concrete problems would be discussed but the focus would be on the overriding, intangible problem: mutual suspicion, lack of trust and a blurring vision of the relationship that once was clearer.

In the end, however, the atmosphere improved and Shultz told his farewell banquet Saturday night: "While problems do exist, I leave our discussions more convinced of the real opportunities for enhanced cooperation ... We depart having set the stage for renewed advances built on a stronger foundation of confidence and mutual trust." His visit, he said, "launched a process that merits conscientious follow-through."

The visit had two positive and concrete developments: — Premier Zhao Ziyang agreed to visit the United States this year. After three days of talks, he accepted the longstanding U.S. invitation, although the date was not fixed.

U.S. President Ronald Reagan, however,

Reagan's son regrets joining ballet

NEW YORK, Feb. 7 (AP) — Ron Reagan, the 24-year-old son of the U.S. president, says working in ballet was a "mistake," and he's quitting the dance so he and his wife can settle down and have a family.

"Ballet is much more and much less than I'd imagined as an 18-year-old," says Reagan, who dropped out of college to become a dancer. "I admit my mistake."

Writing in the "My Turn" column in the Feb. 14 issue of *Newsweek* magazine, Reagan called dancers "willing slaves of an art in which management calls the shots and holds their contracts." He added that "ballet dancers are among the most grossly underpaid of professionals in America."

Reagan, who announced he was leaving the Joffrey Ballet last month, said he now wants to have a home with my wife and to have a child.

Weinberger call to Japan dubbed arms buildup order

TOKYO, Feb. 7 (Kyodo) — North Korea Monday termed as an order U.S. Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger's recent call on Japan to beef up its defense forces qualitatively as the United States has lost its military supremacy.

"This is an order of arms buildup given by the senior to its junior ally," North Korea's official paper *Rodong Sinmun* said in a commentary entitled "encouragement to Japan's rearming." "It reveals the master-servant relations between the United States and Japan in military affairs, the former issuing order and the latter obeying it," said the commentary, distributed by the (North) Korean Central News Agency (KCNA).

It said in urging Japan to build arms the United States pursues a "heinous scheme" to perfect the U.S.-Japan-South Korea triangular military alliance as soon as possible.

As police officer is shot dead

Troops flown to Assam state

NEW DELHI, Feb. 7 (AFP) — The federal government Monday flew paramilitary troops to India's northeastern state of Assam after anti-poll terrorists shot dead a police officer, set fire to government buildings and launched bomb attacks during the past 24 hours.

The death toll in Assam after five days of violence rose to 18, official reports said. Unofficial reports set the toll at 20 or 22. Dozens were wounded. The police officer,

AFP journalists to go on strike

PARIS, Feb. 7 (R) — Journalists of the French news agency Agence France Presse (AFP) will go on strike for 24 hours from Monday midnight, disrupting both the agency's domestic and international news services, union leaders said Monday.

The strike, the second this month, is in support of journalists' demands that details of management's plans to streamline the government-supported agency be published. On Feb. 1 domestic services were halted for 14 hours in protest against what journalists said were the management's intentions to drop bonuses and promotions from the 1983 budget.

According to a private report on the agency by two journalist employees circulated at the end of January, AFP had a deficit of \$2.5 million last year. The report, commissioned by the management but released by journalists, said the French government had agreed to grant AFP some \$35 million over five years.

is unlikely to visit China during this term lest he offend the nationalist government in Taiwan, administration sources say.

— China and the United States agreed to explore renewed and expanded military contacts and exchanges. A State Department official said top Chinese military personnel still are welcome to visit Washington for discussions and possible purchase of U.S. weapons.

In June 1981, the then Secretary of State Alexander M. Haig visited China and said the United States would consider lethal weapons sales to China on a case-by-case basis. He said a military delegation would visit Washington for discussions, but that visit never took place because China was angered over U.S. arms sales to Taiwan.

Shultz told a press conference that the arms sales question to China was not discussed. He had said he was not coming as an arms merchant but said a visit by Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger was possible. Shultz was asked about a report that the United States equipped listening stations in China to monitor Soviet missile tests and he told reporters he wouldn't touch that kind of question "with a 10-foot pole."

Both sides steered away in their public statements from mentioning a common strategic interest — opposition to Soviet expansionism — which once dominated their rhetoric. China, however, has reopened a political dialogue with the Soviets and will hold a next round of consultations in Moscow in March. The vocabulary of a Sino-U.S. united front against Soviet hegemonism is no longer part of China's policy.

The Secretary of State said an improved atmosphere would make it easier to solve the bilateral relations that have been plaguing the relationship. Before the visit, one well-informed Chinese source said the political relationship had "gone sour." He said he discussed a wide range of problems with Chinese leaders but they appeared no closer to solution.

Premier Zhao Ziyang told U.S. reporters that the major obstacle in relations remains U.S. arms sales to Taiwan. Shultz reassured Chinese leaders the United States would live up to its commitments to reduce and gradually phase out sales. China calls that problem "the dark clouds" hanging over the relationship.

After the joint communique of Aug. 17, both sides were disappointed and each side worried that the other got a better deal. Western diplomats said. They cited bad vibrations, lingering mutual suspicions and uneasiness that caused minor issues to be magnified.

China has complained about sluggish transfers of promised high technology but Shultz said that while he made no promises, he presented statistics showing the flow is increasing to China. Peking authorities, however, want more sophisticated technology with some military applications. China also complained about trade deficit with the United States and the impasse in talks setting quotas for Chinese textiles exports to the United States. The last round of talks failed on the eve of Shultz's visit.

The United States imposed unilateral con-

trols and China retaliated by halting new exports of U.S. cotton, soybeans and chemical fibers.

The textile problem came up as well but Shultz told reporters he was not a textile negotiator.

The embarrassing problem of Chinese defectors to the United States was raised. China mentioned the case of tennis star Hu Na who defected in San Francisco last July and now is seeking political asylum. Her case is before an immigration court. Shultz declined to discuss details of her case but said such problems are bound to arise when there are vast exchanges of personnel. These problems can best be handled in an atmosphere of trust, he said.

The secretary declined to discuss the problem of blocked cooperation in peaceful nuclear power between China and the U.S.

Floods claim 50 in Ecuador

QUITTO, Feb. 7 (R) — More than 50 persons have been killed in floods caused by torrential monsoon rains which have swamped large areas of Ecuador, Social Welfare Minister Alfredo Mancero said Sunday.

More than a million people, an eighth of the country's population, were in danger of being affected by epidemics and 40,000 families had lost their homes, he told reporters. Ecuador has been lashed by rains since last November when changes in Pacific Ocean currents along its coastline increased temperatures and water evaporation.

Mancero said the floods had caused damages estimated at \$300 million. He added that Ecuador hoped to receive a \$200-million loan from the Inter-American Development Bank to assist relief operations in the worst-hit areas on the coastal plains.

REFUGEES WAITING FOR BUS: Ghanaian refugees are seen waiting for buses with their belongings at the Accra bus station to take them home after their return from Nigeria which expelled them.



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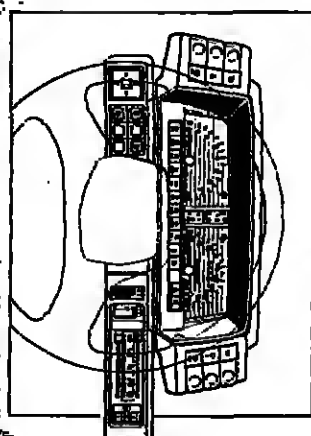
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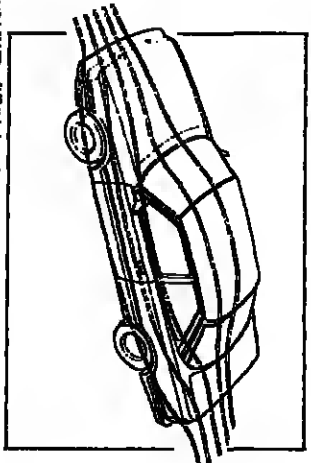
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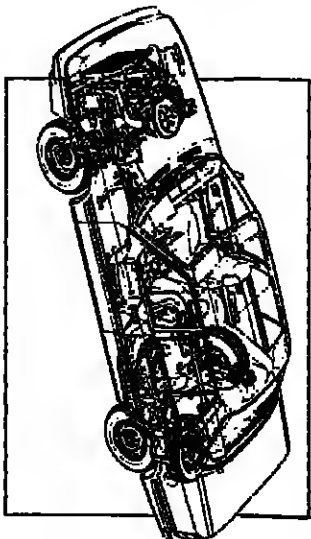
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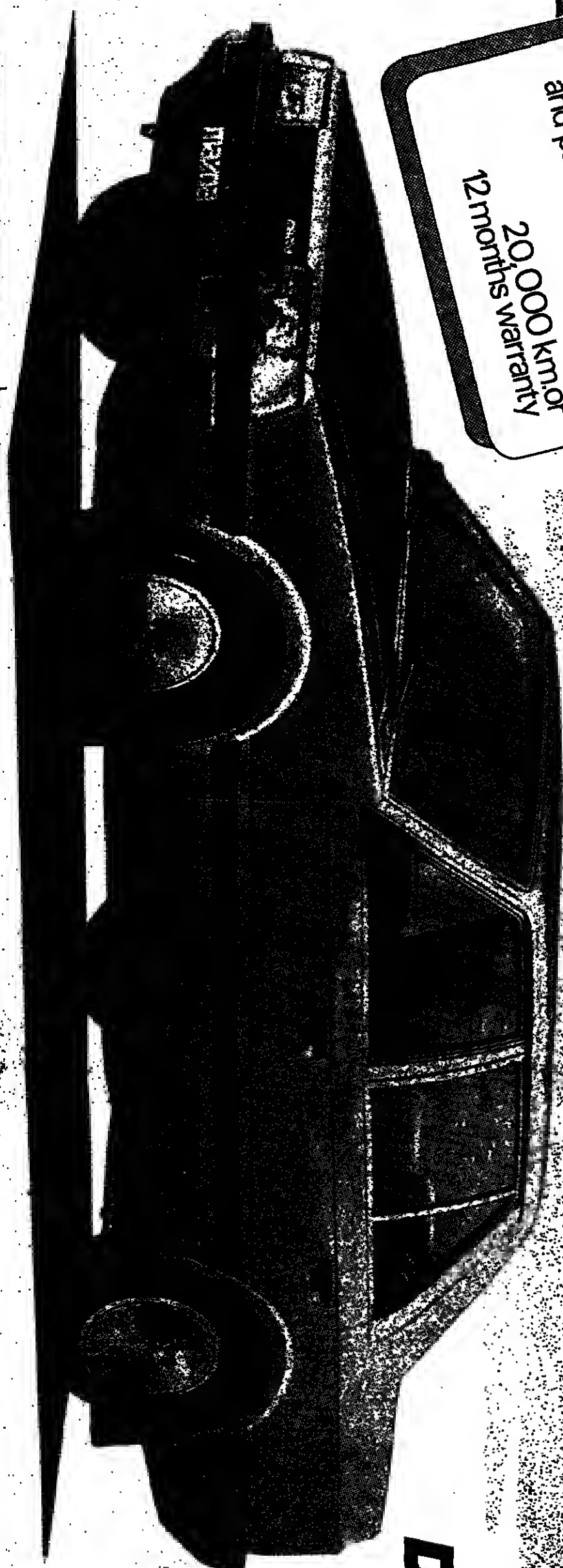
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IRANIAN OFFENSIVE

True to form, Iran has chosen to celebrate the fourth anniversary of its bloody revolution with yet more bloodshed and resultant agony by launching a large scale attack on Iraq dashing all remaining hopes of a possible negotiated settlement.

The Iraqis are strong enough to repulse the new offensive as they have done in the past. Their military position is much better than that of Iran and is improving steadily. Iran knows this, as France and the Soviet Union have openly resumed arms supplies to Baghdad.

To prevent Iraq from getting much stronger and, the reform, changing the balance of power in the region, Iran has decided to reopen the war on a scale described by Tehran as the largest to date. The Iranians perhaps do not want to admit to themselves that they cannot punch through the Iraqi lines in sufficient strength to enable them to dash into Baghdad and overthrow Saddam Hussein as they want to do. The result is further bloodshed, thousands of casualties and wasted resources for no good reason.

BARBIES IN TEL AVIV

The Israelis are gloating over the seizure of former Nazi criminal Klaus Barbie, alias Klaus Altmann, who was flown out of Bolivia to face trial in France. France is right in trying a notorious criminal who had taken part in the killing of thousands of innocent Frenchmen during the Nazi occupation of the country. Everyone who has committed such orgies of murder and mayhem ought to be tried and punished as severely as possible.

But Barbie's crimes will be before the carnage that Ariel Sharon and his boss Begin ordered, supervised and carried out recently in Lebanon when they employed the latest death technology on the children and mothers of the Lebanese cities that they had overrun. They used the world's most devastating bombs — courtesy of the U.S. — for the first time in modern warfare.

How many thousands have been killed, wounded and disfigured by the Israelis will not be known exactly for a long time. But what little is already known is enough to make Barbie's own crime take a back seat.

Saudi Arabian press review

The American invitation to the so-called Village League leaders of the occupied West Bank to visit Washington was severely indicated by Saudi newspapers Monday. The Saudi-Yemeni relationship also figured in the editorial comments.

The invitation to Israeli-sponsored Village Leagues to visit Washington, *Al-Riyadh* said "reflects the malicious collaboration between the U.S. and the Zionist entity." Israeli authorities in the occupied West Bank have encouraged the so-called leagues to offset the role of the PLO. The paper wondered why such an invitation should not be sent to the PLO to acquaint the American people and the administration with the Palestinian people's views on solving their problem and the Lebanese crisis.

Al-Jazirah boded the visit would help the American administration and public opinion closely know the reality and nature of the so-called leagues "Any official or non-official American talks with the so-called Village Leagues will be of no use or value to Arab-American efforts to attain a just and lasting solution for the Middle East problem," the paper said.

Referring to Saudi-Yemeni relations *Okaz* said they were deeply rooted and based on firm foundations of brotherhood, friendship and mutual respect. The talks between North Yemeni President Ali Abdullah Saleh and

King Fahd, are of great significance since they are being held at a crucial phase in the history of the Arab nation.

"Such consultations are urgently needed to unify Arab ranks and face challenges threatening the Arab and Islamic nation particularly at this turning point in Middle East history," the paper added.

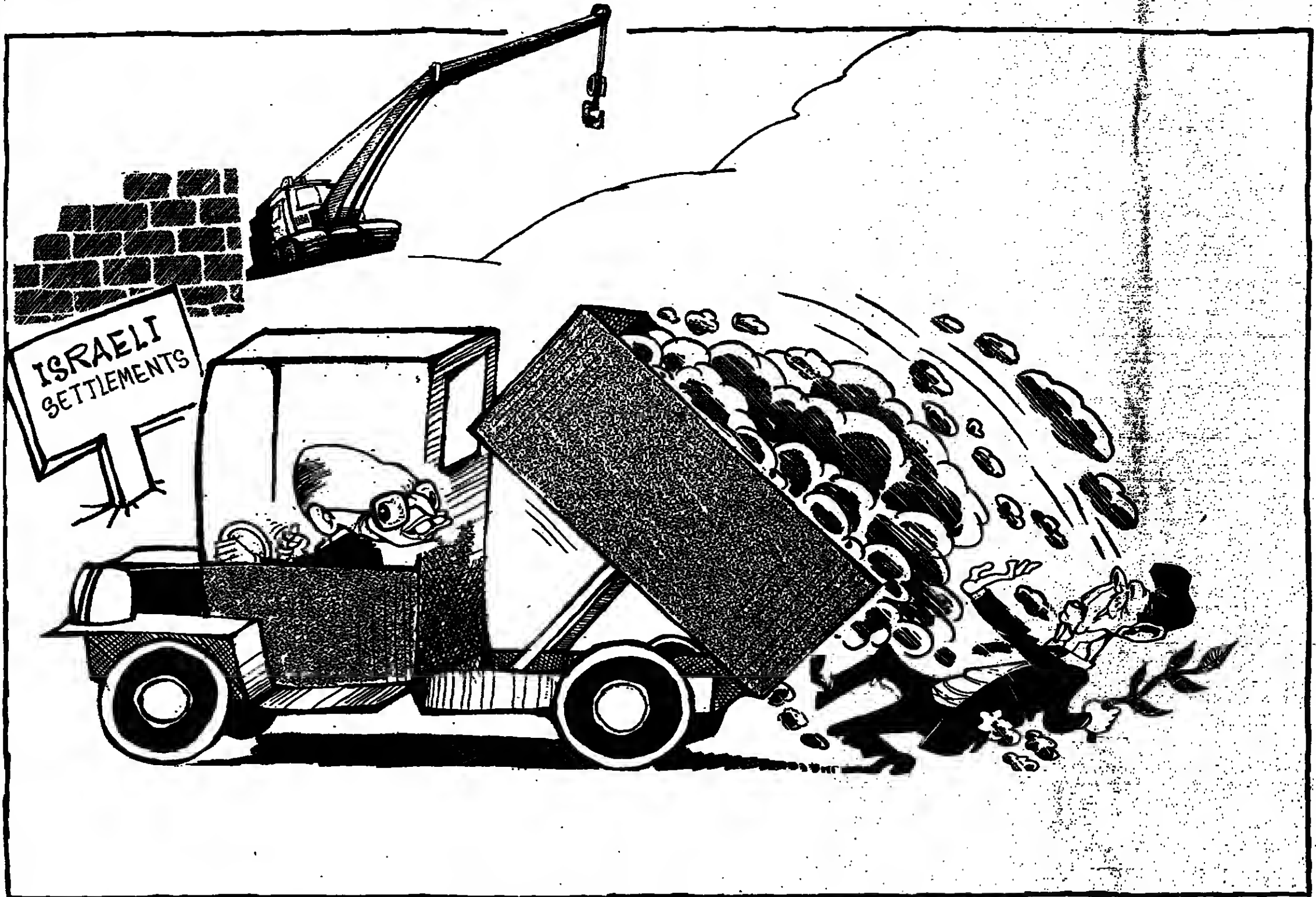
Al-Yom said the Kingdom's relations with fraternal countries were based on the divine Islamic faith which called for strengthening ties with brothers so as to build a strong Arab-Islamic nation capable of facing common dangers and threats.

Referring to the Yemeni leader's visit to the Kingdom, the paper said such visits greatly helped strengthen Arab joint action and "foil malicious designs on the Arab and Islamic world."

The current stage in Arab and Islamic history needs "more consultations and contacts to counter the Zionist expansionist policy and criminal practices in the occupied Arab lands and holy Muslim places," it said.

Al-Bilad commented on King Fahd's recent tour of various parts of the country, saying such trips reflected the strong ties between the leader and his loyal people for the benefit of the whole country.

"King Fahd's repeated meetings with the citizens throughout the Kingdom have enabled him to acquaint himself with their needs," (SPA)



Time running out for Reagan's peace initiative

By James MacManns

WASHINGTON — The next five weeks will decide whether President Reagan's Middle East initiative will meet the melancholy end that has befallen every other effort to foster a comprehensive peace between Arabs and Israelis over the last 35 years.

On both sides of the regional divide there is a recognition that the president's compromise formula for the West Bank will have exhausted its political appeal by mid-March unless one of three related developments takes place.

These are an early Israeli withdrawal from Lebanon, a clear-cut commitment to peace by the Palestine Liberation Organization and the public involvement of King Hussein of Jordan in the negotiations prescribed by the Reagan proposals.

The first two are very unlikely to happen without a wrenching change in attitude both by the Begin government and the uneasy coalition of politico-military groupings that make up Yasser Arafat's PLO.

Having opposed the American plan since its launch last September Israel is delighted that the proposals for a self-governing Palestinian entity on the West Bank in association with Jordan have

come adrift.

The essence of the plan was that in return for a West Bank-Gaza Palestinian homeland federated to Jordan the Arabs would grant recognition and thus peace to an Israel returned to slightly enlarged pre-1967 borders.

Not surprisingly a government dedicated to the absorption of the West Bank has chosen to fluster this proposal. The triangular talks between American, Lebanese and Israeli negotiators over a multilateral withdrawal from Lebanon concern the security claims of the Jewish state. But at a strategic level it is plain that Israel is stringing out the process in the knowledge that the Reagan plan will not long survive the spring.

So far Washington has won no takers from the Arab camp either. Instead the Middle Eastern regimes have been waiting for a lead from Yasser Arafat and King Hussein. The arithmetic of Jewish settlement on the West Bank has united both men in purpose but left them at odds over procedure.

In Arafat's case the probable answer is that when the Palestine National Council meets in Algiers later this month he will receive a mandate to continue negotiating with King Hussein but only in ambiguous terms.

Such a response would provide little ammunition for those in the Reagan administration who feel that the time has come to put real pressure on Israel. The Arab response as a whole to the president's plan, ranging from the demand at the Fex summit in September for a PLO-run West Bank state to virtual immobilism ever since may well amount to another in a long list of lost opportunities. Certainly in Jordanian eyes Arab caution has unnecessarily constrained the king and diminished a rare chance to seize the political initiative from Israel.

That chance still exists but only because King Hussein has yet to declare his hand. His intentions have been the great Middle Eastern guessing game this year. According to Washington press reports the U.S. ambassador to Jordan, Richard Viets, has told the State Department that Hussein will announce his participation in the peace process before March 1st.

The Kuwaiti press, and especially the newspaper *Al-Anba*, has been busily forecasting the king's refusal to do anything of the sort. Without the Jordanian leader Washington does not have a plan worth the name since in the Reagan scheme Hussein's role is both negotiator for the Palestinians and the ultimate authority in a West Bank-Jordan federation. Hence the blandishments from

Washington and opposition from some sections of Palestinians and their backers.

Reliable sources in the Jordanian capital or Amman say that the king's early enthusiasm for his designated role in the peace process is now waning. Like many others in the Middle East the Jordanian leader cannot reconcile American inability to force an Israeli withdrawal from Lebanon with President Reagan's personal promises to intensify pressure on Israel once Jordan had joined wider negotiations on the West Bank.

Such negotiations would also involve President Mubarak in what the Egyptian government views as expanded Camp David talks. But like the Jordanian leader Mubarak is waiting for signs that Washington can effect an Israeli withdrawal from Lebanon and bring a halt to West Bank settlements before he defrosts his relations with Israel.

This waiting game cannot last much longer if only because King Hussein himself has drawn a mid-March deadline for the Reagan plan. Beyond that he feels that the effectiveness of U.S. policy in the Middle East arena will be reduced by the approach of the autumnal campaigning for the 1984 presidential election. Therefore, it is argued in Amman, there will be little point in pursuing the peace plan. (G)

Mass homecoming from Nigeria uniting divided Ghana

From Richard Hall in London
and Cameron Duodo in Ghana

For bankrupt Ghana it seemed that the mass homecoming must surely be final, overwhelming disaster. The country's politics were in turmoil: that lonely revolutionary, Flight Lt. Jerry Rawlings, had been deserted by most of his colleagues and he had put others in jail. Anarchy looked inevitable, as hundreds of thousands poured back from Nigeria.

Yet Ghana is now displaying an almost carefree patriotism as it copes with the greatest enforced migration of recent times. For a while at least, the political quarrels are forgotten. Rawlings has evoked an amazing response to his appeals for everyone to unite in the relief effort.

There is a curious mood in Accra, the capital. Cheering echoes through the streets, from morning till night — the wild sounds of celebration you might expect from a conquering army. It comes from the refugees, as their overcrowded trucks trundle off, taking them out to the provinces. Their reaction is something more than bravado. It gives vent to relief at being home after a dirty, grinding journey and at having escaped the "vengeance" of Nigeria.

Even if some tales may be discounted as attempts to win sympathy, there are several convincing ones about the flight from Nigeria which are told again and again. Many refugees describe being set upon in Lagos at the assembly points for trucks, and being forced to abandon their possessions.

"It is not true," said one man, "that we burned down our houses as we left. The Nigerian papers are lying. The houses were set on fire by hoodlums to smoke us out."

About 500,000 people are estimated to have got back to Ghana, and many more are on their way. Most are struggling through neighboring Togo and Benin, some are arriving at the port of Tema in

ships and canoes, others are simply walking through the bush.

Already one irreversible change has been forced upon Ghana: the anguished and self-lacerating isolationism of the 13 months since Rawlings returned to power is over. As the world comes to the help of the refugees, the country is entering a more open — and perhaps more hopeful — phase.

Afao is the symbol. It was, until the exodus started, a sleepy place on the Ghana-Togo frontier except for a few smugglers. Afao was where the vanguard of the exodus from Nigeria came to a stop, because Rawlings' Provisional National Defense Council had kept all border posts shut since last September, with troops ordered to shoot anyone trying to cross.

The regime in Accra only grudgingly opened the Togo border post, 12 days after Nigeria had said all illegal aliens must be gone in a fortnight; by then Afao had become a gigantic theater of misery.

The scenes there are still appalling as the human avalanche surges through the border. But the Ghana government has commandeered every bus and truck its agencies and parastatal companies possess to carry the refugees on to their destinations.

Many refugees spend four or five days in Afao, sleeping under trees, on verandas, in unfinished buildings. The sand is black with the feet of countless men, women and children.

The two tiny francophone countries, Togo and Benin (formerly Dahomey), have tried their best to show patience — to aid the sick and hungry — as the migration goes on between Nigeria and Ghana, the English-speaking states that flank them. But there is a swathe of filth and ruin along the coastal road, and makeshift graves. One refugee in Accra has described seeing two men buried side by side, close to the sea.

Some vehicles were piled so high with luggage that passengers perched on top have come to grief. Within sight of Accra, six men had their skulls smashed in by a concrete bridge. Deaths from accidents and sickness are the human price. But in a recent speech, Rawlings put the relief operation's financial cost to Ghana at \$15 million in hard currency. In a country so poor, this sounded alarming.

There may also be damaging side-effects: what little supplies of diesel and petrol that are available have been spread throughout the country so that the refugees can be ferried uninterrupted to their homes; and high-sided cocoa trucks, that should at this time be taking crops down to the coast, have been diverted to the relief program.

Typically, the regime was tardy about admitting that it needed outside help. A commentary on Accra radio early last week said Ghana's enemies "wait to see us going around begging with cap in hand in order to manipulate us for their own ends... genuine friends who want to help Ghana in this crisis period should do so without untenable

demands."

But regardless of the rhetoric, the help is now pouring in. Television has touched the feelings of the world. The EEC is giving \$5 million; the U.S. has sent food to Togo; the Danes are air-freighting blankets; an international organization has appealed for \$800,000; one voluntary agency has already given \$50,000.

Even when the tidal wave of refugees has ended, Ghana will be grappling with extra problems, on top of the many that already exist. A million more people will put up the population by 10 percent. That is certain to inflate food prices still further in the towns. Already one egg costs almost half a day's wages — for those who have work. The longer-term effect of today's convulsive events cannot be foreseen but the country knows at least that overnight it has come back from obscurity and is the object of international sympathy.

For almost 20 years, Ghana has gone relentlessly downhill, under a succession of incompetent military and civilian governments, reeling from coup to coup. Rawlings and his PNDC were the last resort of a demoralized people, but although the revolution has pruned corruption it has so far borne few economic fruits. Now Ghana is buoyed up by a restored sense of superiority over Nigeria (ever since colonial days the two countries have been rivals). A rising crescendo of comment on the exodus is rattling the African giant (as Nigeria likes to regard itself). It hates being branded as a moral pygmy.

The Nigerians are defending their action by pointing out that their own citizens were deported from Ghana by Dr. Kofi Busia after the overthrow of Kwame Nkrumah. But Busia is not remembered in the continent as a man of principle — he was a leading advocate of "dialogue" with South Africa — whereas Nigeria has always asserted its Pan-Africanist ideals.

During the years of the oil boom, when it needed extra labor for its huge development program, Nigeria shut its eyes to its laws about aliens. (Technically, all West African nationals were free to make a visit for three months, after which they had to regularize their stay or face arrest.) When Alhaji Ali Baba gave the aliens their marching orders last month, most Nigerians thought their interior minister had pulled off a shrewd electioneering stunt. The glee quickly died, and recriminations are flying.

The reputation of President Shugu Shagari as a gentle leader, perhaps almost too good-hearted for such a turbulent country, has been trampled into the ground by the great exodus. Shagari took off for a trip to India and Pakistan shortly after Ali Baba had unexpectedly revealed to a group of local journalists that he was about to end the "flagrant abuse of Nigerian laws". By all accounts, the minister — promoted to his cabinet post less than a year ago — had acted on his own initiative.

In India, Shagari made some bleak remarks

about arresting any aliens who could not meet the Jan. 31 deadline. Charity was notably absent. But by then the momentum of mob feelings at home in Lagos was unstoppable. The concession allowing extra time to skilled workers and professional people has meant little, because few are willing, given the present mood, to risk staying on in Nigeria. Perhaps, say the cynics, the Ghanaians will be able to start returning after July, if Shagari wins a second term of office.

But it will take for longer than that for the newly fostered enmities to fade. In any case, with Nigeria plunging under an economic precipice, there may soon be no more job opportunities there than in Ghana itself. (LOS)

Letter to the editor

Murderer of the century

Irrespective of age, color, nationality, religion and ideology anyone will undoubtedly award Begin the "Murderer of the Century" award.

It is not only astonishing but also painful and shameful to note that the Nobel Peace Prize committee has not yet stripped off Begin of the Nobel Peace Prize. If the committee is reluctant to withdraw the prize, it is high time they changed the name of the award to "Murderer of the Century."

It is sincerely hoped that peace-loving people around the world will protest and ensure that the award is immediately withdrawn from M (for Murderer) Begin.

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Today is Tuesday, Feb. 8, the 39th day of 1983. There are 326 days left in the year.

Highlights in history on this date:

1560 — Turkish galleys rout Spanish fleet under Duke of Medina Celi off Tripoli.

1587 — Mary Queen of Scots is beheaded after being accused of plotting murder of England's Queen Elizabeth I.

1725 — Peter the Great of Russia dies, is succeeded by his widow, Catherine.

1809 — Austria decides on war with France.

1863 — Prussia allies with Russia to crush Polish revolt.

1878 — Britain again decides to send fleet to Constantinople.

1901 — China, on receiving Russian proposals for evacuation of Manchuria, appeals to major powers and receives support from Britain, Japan and Germany.

1937 — Spanish rebels take Malaga with aid from Italy.

1940 — During World War II, Nazis shoot every tenth person in two Polish villages near Warsaw, in reprisal for deaths of two German soldiers.

1955 — Soviet Premier Georgi Malenkov resigns, is succeeded by Nikolai A. Bulganin.

1963 — Rebels in Iraq assassinate Premier Abdul Karim Kassem who is replaced by Abdul Salam Aref.

1971 — South Vietnam troops push into Laos in drive to cut a Communist supply trail.

1974 — Three U.S. Skylab astronauts return to earth after setting record of 84 days in orbit.

1979 — Iranian troops kill more than a dozen pro-Khomeini demonstrators, wounding dozens more as government crisis continues.

Thought for today:

When men speak ill of thee, live so nobody may believe them — Plato, Greek philosopher.

Food supply central to survival

U.N. agencies draw grim 'life after bomb' scenario

By Ian Steele

NEW YORK (Depthnews) — A consoling assumption for people living outside the mainstream of nuclear confrontation today is that if the Soviet Union or the United States did press the button, those untouched by the blast and the radiation would return to business as usual when the radioactive dust had settled.

But nothing could be further from reality, according to analysis compiled by the United Nations Center for Disarmament in New York. The center, which handles much of the documentation for the U.N. special session on disarmament, reports that with the United States and the Soviet Union paralyzed, the world would have lost far more than the principal sources of ideological contention. It would have lost major centers of trade and supply, and to get a picture of the chaos which would follow, one would have to imagine a combination of factors far worse than the stock market collapse of 1929 and the global crop failures of 1972-74.

Survival chances in a World War III would depend on how quickly the non-belligerent nations could adapt to cuts in food supply and trade lines for machinery, spare parts and critical supplies of drugs.

Even in these times of relative plenty, the world lacks adequate emergency food reserves and in a period of global disruption most nations would have only until the next harvest to muster their resources and revive long-forgotten concepts of self-sufficiency.

Food supply would be central to post-war recovery. Scores of industrial as well as developing nations survive from year to year on food surpluses grown elsewhere and a fair return on their exports to pay for them. Analysts at U.N. headquarters ask, who would trade with whom after the economies of the world's major alliances had been fragmented by war?

The U.S. alone produced half the world trade in wheat in 1979 (37 million tons) and very few nations look to the U.S. to absorb less than 10 percent of their exports. Some count on U.S. dollars for 50 to 70 percent of their overseas exchange.

While Soviet trade is about one-third of that of the United States, almost half of its business is with the countries of Eastern Europe, which in turn export 33 percent of their produce to Moscow. The loss of the Soviet Union as a trading partner and major supplier of such essentials as oil, would wreck their economies as well.

The elimination of New York, Moscow, London and other major centers of finance and trade, even temporarily, would destroy the elaborate system of transfer for goods and services which bind international relations today. If Europe became a major theater of nuclear war, as many fear it could, the combined loss could be between one-half and two-thirds of the world's GNP and trade.

U.N. analysts believe that much of the world's shipping and air transport capacity might survive a major conflict but they question what use it would be other than for domestic operations.

In the immediate post-war chaos, with self-sufficiency on everyone's mind, major relief missions to those in need would be impractical, if not impossible, for the smaller surviving nations to mount. The world is already dependent upon the U.S. and the Soviet Union for much of the fertilizer produced for agriculture, for much of the technology and much of the communications, both land-based and in space; and the new theaters of war would be too vast and too heavily populated to be sustained by piecemeal gestures.

In the absence of fertilizers, world food production would quickly decline and in the absence of pesticides and medical supplies, plagues of one kind or another would compound famines in which hundreds of millions might starve.

Efforts to establish new trading alliances would inevitably be based on new rules of supply and demand, in which food and energy would be the only viable barter for some time. In the technological and industrial hiatus immediately following a holocaust, empty stomachs would be the top priority, but most of the surviving nations would be incapable of growing the ingredients for a balanced diet or of producing raw materials considered valuable enough to exchange for them.

Australian scientist demolishes many myths on Samoans

By Bill Prochman

WASHINGTON (WP) — Margaret Mead's pioneering work on Samoa, in which she described a stress-free and peaceful south seas island realm in direct contrast to the pressured existence of the western world, has been brought into serious scientific question by an Australian anthropologist.

Mead spent nine months in Samoa more than 50 years ago, and returned to describe an idyllic society filled with guilt-free teenagers and devoid of stern child-rearing, adolescent stresses, religious and aggressive behavior. Then unknown at 23, she set both the public and the scientific world spinning. Her findings came at a time of major, almost combative, scientific debate over the effects of "nature vs. nurture" on human development. They also captured public imagination when the world was growing more complex and technological.

However, Dr. Derek Freeman, an anthropologist at the University of Australia, has written a major study arguing that Mead's conclusions were more myth than reality and helped perpetuate a half-century of misleading thought about human development. He charges that Mead went to Samoa as a young and unprepared scientist with preconceived opinions that led her to see only what she wanted to see. Mead's work propelled her into both the scientific and public eye, where she remained as a legendary figure until her death in 1978.

In his book, *Margaret Mead and Samoa — the Making and Unmaking of an Anthropological Myth*, Freeman writes that his research on Samoa indicates that aggressiveness as well as concepts ranging from sin to the virtue of chastity, have been common in the islands as



SOVIET SAM: Seen here is one of the major defense weapon systems of the Soviet Union—Surface to Air Missiles used to destroy attacking aircraft.

War in space no longer remote possibility

By T.B. Peramunetilleke

COLOMBO (Depthnews) — Arthur C. Clarke is worried.

Clarke has written so much about space and foresaw so many developments in Man's venture into the "last frontier." Now he thinks that nothing is more fundamental for mankind than the prevention of nuclear war in which space is being used and increasingly being militarized.

The prospects are described by Mr. Clarke as alarming. What seems in store for mankind is a world war "not once a minute, but once a second." He says that if man is to save his planet, "we cannot place our trust in the nuclear Noah's Ark."

Clarke, world famous science fiction writer and chancellor of Sri Lanka's Katubedde University, has been turning from science fiction to science fact. He demonstrated such an ongoing process when he addressed the 10-day seminar held by the Institute of Fundamental Studies in this city.

Before the world's leading scientists, he spoke of war and peace in the space age. He urged the international scientific community to help put the brakes on the arms race, particularly the use of nuclear weapons in space.

Attending scientists earlier noted the stress, strains and underdevelopment which characterize the modern world today wherein 80 percent of the scientists live in the developed countries.

Further articulating such a scientific fact, Sri Lanka Foreign Minister A.C.S. Hamced noted that \$1.5 billion is spent a minute on the arms race and that half a million of the world's best scientists are engaged in turning up more and more weapons of destruction.

A mere fraction of the arms race budget would be sufficient to meet most of the economic problems of developing countries, he said. He added a two-day expenditure can fund all United Nations agencies. He also observed that even the military expenditures of the developing countries have grown by 15 percent compared to a

decade ago.

Clarke reported that military reconnaissance satellites lofted into space have so far played a beneficial role in maintaining world peace. However, he said the situation is turning the other way and mankind is now facing the dangers of orbital weapons systems as both the United States and the Soviet Union push ahead with the manufacture of such sophisticated means of world destruction.

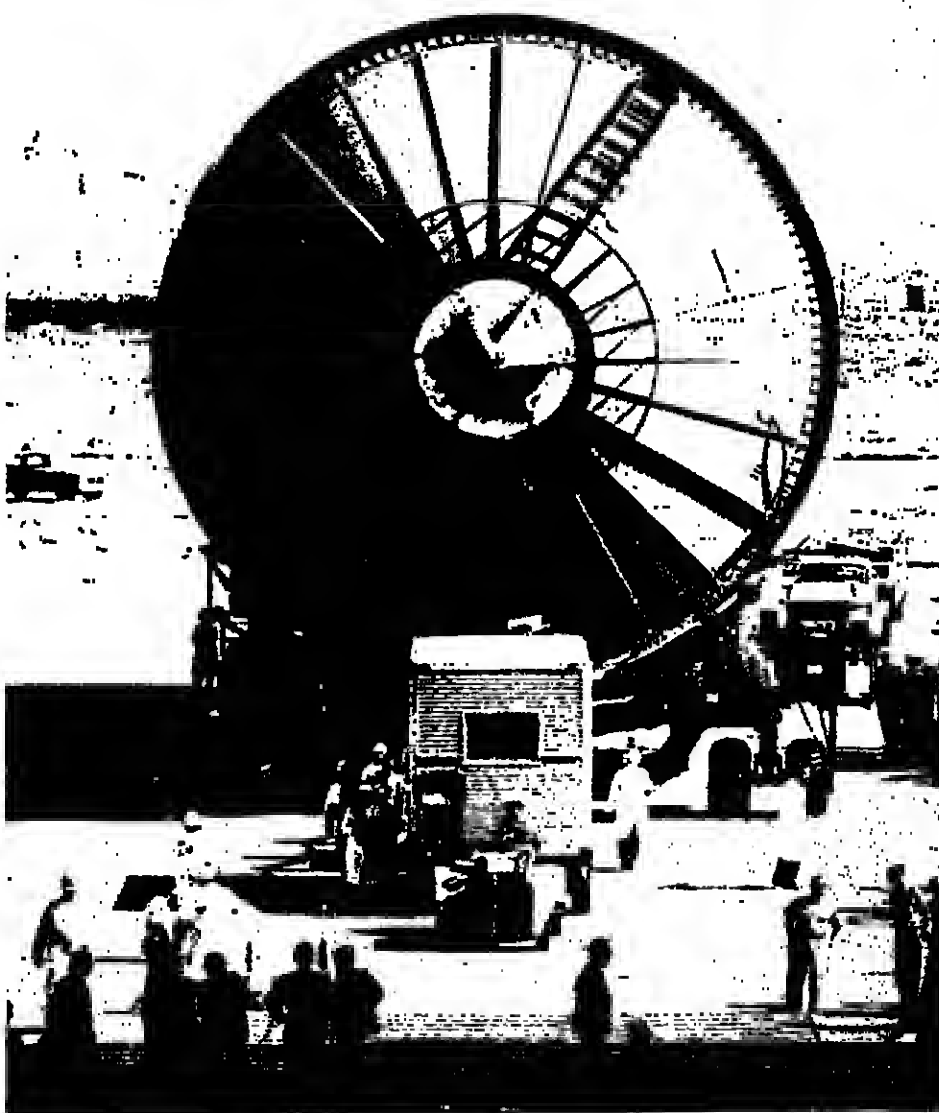
It was at this point where Clarke mentioned the "frightful prospects of rockets with the incredible range of 3,000 kilometers." He said spending on such super rockets continues despite the poverty in the world, making a theoretical possibility the 3,000-mile long-range rocket whatever the costs.

Addressing the question as to why the Russians are determined to develop anti-satellite systems, Clarke said such a development is in accordance with the "present insane pursuit" of nuclear weapons for use in space and in which reconnaissance satellites are vital.

All of mankind must be warned by the arms race, according to Clarke. He explained that "man's heart is in his weapons. Guns today are the crutches of the impotent and in a world so muddled in thinking, the reality is that in the arts of life, man invents nothing but the arts of death."

"Upon us, the heirs to all the past and the trustees of a future which our folly can play before its birth, lies a responsibility that no other age has ever known," Clarke said. "If we fail in our generation, those who come after us may be too few to rebuild the world, when the dust of the cities has descended, and the radiation of the rocks has died away."

Stressing that the world must hurry to find a solution to the gravest danger facing it because of the arms race, Clarke said that "if there is to be a link between society and the scientist, the latter has to break himself away from the present bonds that tie him to the ambitions of war mongers who, though a minority, control the reins of state power in most countries of the developed world."



FLYING SAUCER: What looks like a giant saucer is an end section of the Saturn, the biggest of the U.S. rockets. It weighed a massive 2,725 tons at liftoff.

Kremlin's invulnerable 3-headed monsters

By Mark Frankland

MOSCOW (LOS) — The SS-20 missile which is at the heart of the East-West negotiations in medium-range nuclear weapons that reopened in Geneva last month is the child of Soviet military tradition and technology.

The missiles, of which Washington say 333 have been deployed, are seen by some in the West as evidence of a frightening Soviet hunger for arms. If the Russians were slow to foresee this Western reaction it was because they regard the SS-20 merely as a new version of what has become for them, in the nuclear age, a traditional weapon.

The SS-20s are in eight bases grouped in three areas — western Russia, just east of the Ural mountains and the Far East. They are controlled by the elite arm of the Soviet military, the Strategic Rocket Forces, which also control the land-based intercontinental nuclear missiles capable of striking America.

The Strategic Rocket Forces were only created in 1959 but their present commander, Gen. Vladimir Titubko (68 years old but looking most resilient), takes precedence over other service commanders. Cadets entering the four higher military schools that train officers for the rocket forces must have special attestations of ability and reliability — something not required by the other services. The Soviet press has called the missile men "soldier intellectuals."

Each of the six rocket force armies has SS-20s under its command. The mobile missile launchers, similar to those planned for cruise missiles, are grouped nine to a control and maintenance base.

In an emergency they would move by road to locations surveyed in advance so that there would be no error in their firing coordinates.

Their mobility, which ensures invulnerability against a pre-emptive strike, is a major headache for American negotiators at Geneva. Launchers in the Soviet Far East could theoretically be moved west along the trans-Siberian railway to areas from where they could hit West Europe, for the missile has a flight-tested range of 2,750 miles.

Both mobility and multiple warheads — the SS-20 has three — were obvious specifications for the Soviet military when the missile's design was begun around 1967. The Soviet Union needed a replacement for its aging SS-4 and SS-5 medium-range missiles. The latter, some of which are still deployed, first went into service in the late 1950s. They are static, are mostly not in protective silos and need several hours to prepare for firing — quite outdated by modern missile standards.

The new weapon was the child of a design bureau headed by V.N. Nadiradze. One of probably four missile design bureaus, the Nadiradze group specializes in solid fuel missiles, solid fuel being easier to marry with mobility than the liquid fuel used in most of the Soviet intercontinental missiles.

The Russians at first found solid fuel difficult. Two earlier Nadiradze attempts, the SS-14 and SS-15, proved unsatisfactory and were only briefly deployed. The SS-20, flight tested in 1974, began to enter service only in 1976-77.

Some of the confusion this caused the West came from the difficulty in understanding why the Russians felt they needed such weapons. America withdrew its medium-range missiles from Europe in the 1960s because its new intercontinental rockets based in the United States could target the Soviet Union as effectively and more securely. Why did the Russians want new medium-range rockets once they too had a powerful intercontinental force?

The answer partly lies in tradition born of Russian military experience. Western experts now point out that the Soviet artillery provided much of the senior manpower for the rocket forces. The SRF's first commander, Marshal Nedelin (who died when a missile exploded in 1960), was Chief Marshal of Artillery. General Titubko, the present commander, on last year's joint annual celebrations of the rocket forces and artillery, underlined the link in an article describing the first medieval Russian "gunner" of 600 years ago as ancestors of today's missile men.

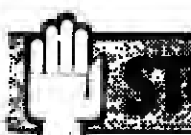
The rocket forces evidently consider their medium-range missiles as essential as a gunner does his medium-range artillery pieces. Western specialists have worked out a long list of targets they believe the Russians feel obliged to cover with these missiles. They include not only NATO military and government targets but also American forces in the Middle and Far East, not least aircraft carriers capable of launching nuclear strikes against Soviet territory.

The split with China, again according to Western calculations, may have landed the medium-range missiles with an additional 1,500 Chinese military and administrative targets.

The Soviet missiles that fall within the scope of the Geneva arms talks (about 600 in all) could not possibly cover so many targets. For the past 10 years the Russians have therefore also used shorter range variants of two intercontinental missiles as well as several hundred submarine-launched missiles to ensure a spread over all possible regional targets. It may add up to more than 3,000 warheads for more than 3,000 such targets.

Against this background the Russian surprise at the Western outcry over the SS-20s becomes more understandable. Within the short history of nuclear weapons, the Soviet fondness for medium-range missiles was already traditional. The Americans surrounded by nothing more threatening than Mexicans, Canadians and fish, might not need them. Russia, one can imagine the generals arguing, with its immense land borders and difficult neighbors, did.

TOO MUCH TV FOR CHILDREN IN HOSPITAL



STOP KILLING YOURSELF

Dr. Peter J. Steincrohn M.D., F.A.C.P.

Dear Dr. Steincrohn: My pre-teen, like most children, is enamored of TV. If left a choice, she would rather watch TV than eat or go out and play. So we have a problem monitoring her programs and how long she can watch TV. A recent complication intensifies her bad habit. She has had to be hospitalized for about two weeks for some kidney studies. Whenever we visit, we find her TV on. And all kinds of forbidden adult programs when she is at home. The nurses agree it's difficult to take away TV from a sick child. Can anything be done to prevent too much TV viewing when a child is in the hospital? Have doctors considered this problem? — Mrs. F.

Dear Mrs. F.: You will be pleasantly surprised to learn that doctors have considered this to be sufficiently important to deserve some study. The report in the journal of the American Academy of Pediatrics (11/81) by Dr. Deborah N. Waldner Gutentag and associates indicates that children watch a greater than usual amount of television when hospitalized. They studied the viewing habits of 845 children hospitalized in the Children's Hospital, Manitoba, Canada at half-hour intervals.

The average child watched 3.9 hours of TV between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. on weekdays, 4.5 hours on Saturdays and 4.3 hours on Sundays. Children who were immobile, who were isolated or who had roommates of a different age watched more TV. They noted that "no body

appeared to have actively selected the program being viewed." They also wrote that in spite of the bad effects some commercials and violent programs may have on children, "television has become an increasingly pervasive part of pediatric hospital environment."

What to do? Hospital staffs should be made aware of the TV problem. They should try to control the amount and time of programs watched. An expensive method would be to install a closed-circuit system in the hospital.

MEDICALITIES

(Replies to and from readers):

Dear Dr. Steincrohn: My husband is 6 feet tall and must weigh close to 450 pounds. He has a large apron of fat in the stomach area. His big problem seems to be pressure from his job. He eats quickly and doesn't take time to chew well. He also drinks a lot of cola. He uses anabolic like they're going out of style. He has been to our doctor for a physical checkup. I'm surprised that the doctor never even mentioned that he go on a diet. Are you? — Mrs. Y.

Dear Mrs. Y.: So much so, that we recommend a consultation or change of doctors. In your husband's case, obesity is more than a benign enemy. It is a silent killer. If indicated, the new doctor may even consider surgery rather than diet to make a frontal attack on his obesity.

(Tomorrow: Lung cancer)

Development plans affected

Exporters feel pinch of oil slump

NEW YORK, Feb. 7 (AP) — The grim exodus of expelled foreign workers from Nigeria is the latest byproduct of a world oil slump that is pushing poor petroleum exporters into financial crisis and thinning the wallets of even the biggest oil powers.

Cash-short governments are scaling down development plans. Motorists in oil countries, in a twist on the usual story at the gas pumps, are paying more for gasoline at a time when U.S. prices are declining. And talk is building in some other states of following Nigeria's lead and ejecting foreign workers.

World crude oil production slid from a peak of 63 million barrels a day in 1979 to 53 million barrels in late 1982.

The world recession has coupled with energy conservation to depress global demand for oil. Prices have declined, too: From an average \$34.50 a barrel in 1981 for OPEC oil, to spot prices of \$31 or less today.

In dollar terms, the slump has meant that the oil-exporting countries' total trade surplus—the excess of what they sell abroad over what they import—plunged from \$162 billion in 1980 to an estimated \$49 billion last year.

As for such populous oil exporters as Mexico, Venezuela and Nigeria, "some are in

more or less desperate straits," notes the research firm Wharton Econometric Forecasting Associates.

"Their populations are impoverished, growing rapidly, and imbued with oil-based expectations of rapid income growth," it says.

Here is a capsule look at some oil countries, their troubles and dashed hopes:

Nigeria: The oil bust has hit especially hard in this land of 90 million people. When production fell from 2.3 million barrels a day in 1979 to 1.2 million in 1982, the government discovered the revenues it was counting on for a five-year development plan were falling short by half. It scrapped major projects, including a new \$2.5-billion railroad tying the coast to the interior, and had to stop almost all imports.

On Jan. 17, the government ordered the expulsion of 2 million or more non-Nigerian West Africans who had poured into the country at the height of the oil boom to work on construction crews, as teachers and in other jobs.

Gabon: Farther down the West African coast, Gabon, smallest producer in the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries, is quietly grappling with its own oil crisis. Production plummeted from 209,000

to 140,000 barrels a day from 1979 to 1982, and the government has had to reduce food subsidies, boosting prices.

Mexico: Mexican oil output has increased steadily since the mid-1970s. But the government bet on an endless boom in oil prices, and it lost. Mexicans had borrowed heavily from foreign banks to industrialize their country, but when oil prices stalled and declined, they were unable to make payments on the huge \$83 billion debt.

Thousands of businesses have shut down because of the financial squeeze, and more than 1.2 million Mexicans have lost their jobs since the crises struck in August.

Venezuela: "The abundance of another era has come to an end," President Luis Herrera Campins announced to fellow Venezuelans last fall.

His country's oil production dropped from 2.4 million barrels a day in 1979 to as low as 1.5 million last year. More than \$18 billion in oil revenues had been projected for 1982, but that estimate had to be cut back to \$13 billion.

Ecuador: The hard times, and higher gasoline prices, touched off five days of rioting in Quito last October.

IMF urged to hike funds by selling gold

GENEVA, Feb. 7 (R) — The International Monetary Fund (IMF) should sell off a significant proportion of its gold stocks to help rescue developing countries from a cash shortage that threatens to extinguish economic growth.

That is one of the emergency measures proposed Monday in a report by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), which says the Third World will need at least \$70 billion over the next two years to stop a slide to stagnation and restore economic development.

UNCTAD said the world economic recession had played a "very significant role" in producing severe payments problems for developing countries, placing them under financial strains of "unparalleled intensity".

By selling gold, the IMF could re-open the "trust fund" which lends to poorer countries at reduced rates, UNCTAD said.

But to tackle the core of the problem will require a much greater cash-raising operation, including creation of an additional \$30 billion in IMF special drawing rights.

Sequel to nationalization

French firms suffer setback

PARIS, Feb. 7 (AFP) — Sweeping nationalization, introduced as one of the stimulants of economic reform by France's Socialist-Communist administration, has turned out to be something of a poisoned chalice.

The leftist administration came to power nearly two years ago, and this week will mark the first anniversary of the state takeover of five major industrial groups which gave France the biggest nationalized sector in the Western world.

The massive and controversial takeover was justified with arguments that it would "steerhead" the economy, that it would "power the economic upturn", and that it would be the "locomotive of growth."

Such claims are little heard now. Initial enthusiasm for the takeover has waned. The 11 major state-owned groups are expected to have lost between 12 and 15 billion francs (about \$1.7 to \$2.1 billion) in 1982.

The government's intention was to take control of the commanding heights of the economy. But of the five groups it took a major stake in for the first time — Rhone-Poulenc (chemicals), Pechiney (aluminum), Saint Gobain (glass), CGE (electricity), and Thomson (electronics) — only CGE and Saint Gobain were making

profits. These five, plus another six groups under state control — Renault (Q-759), Usinor and Sacilor (steels + CDF — Chime (chemicals), CEA Honeywell-Bull (computers), and E.M.C. (electronics) — lost 12.5 billion francs in 1981.

Of this 4.5 billion was attributable to the steel industry alone. The losses in the first six months of 1982 totaled 5.5 billion.

But as Industry and Research Minister Jean-Pierre Chevènement has noted, Pechiney was on the verge of bankruptcy when it was nationalized.

Rhone-Poulenc is recovering slowly but its finances are in severe difficulties with debts of 16 billion francs on sales of 40 billion. The debt servicing costs amount to 5.5 percent of sales. Such firms would have had to seek state aid sooner or later.

The Thomson group was facing major problems in the sector of telephones, while the steel industry was in an appalling situation when the Socialists came to power.

Most of the other firms were in some kind of financial crisis, and the cost in terms of social benefit and other elements of restructuring would have been a heavy burden to the treasury if the state had not stepped in.

Taipei's trade gain hits \$ 3.3b

TAIPEI, Feb. 7 (CNA) — The two-way trade of the Republic of China reached \$41.09 billion in 1982.

The nation enjoyed a \$3.31 billion surplus from the exports of \$22.2 billion against the imports of \$18.89 billion. The surplus is \$1.9 billion more than that of the previous year, while exports and imports declined by 1.8 percent and 10.9 percent respectively from 1981.

K. H. Yu, chairman of the Council for Economic Planning and Development, reported on the nation's economic situation last year to an Executive Yuan meeting recently.

Foreign trade dropped for eight consecutive months after last April due to decreases in import prices and lower willingness to make new investments. Exports and imports climbed in December mainly because the nation sold more garments, shoes and cement abroad and bought a Boeing 767 passenger plane from the United States.

Pakistan, N. Korea to bolster ties

ISLAMABAD, Feb. 7 (AFP) — Pakistan and North Korea signed a protocol on establishing joint ventures and promoting cooperation in the economic, scientific and technical fields besides increasing the volume of trade.

At the opening session of the new joint economic committee meeting here, the two sides agreed to cooperate in fisheries, leather garments, fruit and vegetable canning, glassware, a wire rod making mill, pipe fitting manufacturing plant and cotton garments for export, official sources said.

North Korea, according to the agreement, would provide technical cooperation to Pakistan in vegetable cultivation, construction and cultivation of terraced fields, cultivation of rice and maize, fish ponds, mineral exploration and exploitation and sericulture, they said.

The two sides also agreed to separately sign agreements on trade and payments for further expanding trade between them and the cultural exchange program for 1983-84. The second session of the joint economic committee will be held in Pyongyang in April-May, next year.

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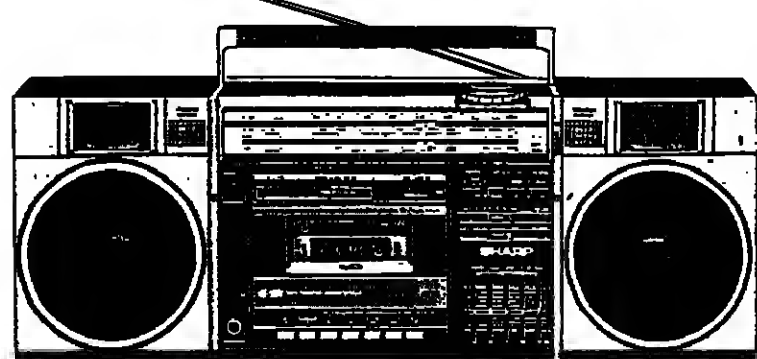
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As parleys open

EEC presses Japan to curtail exports

TOKYO, Feb. 7 (R) — An intensive round of meetings on international trade, expected to last all week, opened here Monday with Japan under pressure to curtail its exporting success.

Wilhelm Haferkamp, the European Economic Community's vice-president for external relations, met both Japanese Foreign Minister Shintaro Abe and Trade Minister Sadanori Yamagata at the first of the series of meetings ahead of a conference of Japanese, U.S., EEC and Canadian trade ministers on Friday.

Haferkamp was discussing bilateral trade between Japan and the EEC in the light of Common Market demands that Japan limit exports to the EEC of 10 items which are damaging their home industries.

He will be joined in Tokyo on Wednesday by Etienne Davignon, EEC vice-president charged with industrial affairs. The EEC has asked for restrictions on video tape recorders, color television sets and tubes, cars, folkloric trucks, light commercial vehicles, motorcycles, audio equipment, quartz watches and machine tools.

One Japanese newspaper said agreement had been reached on limits to video tape recorder exports, but a senior government trade official said this was not the case, although he could not rule out developments

on Feb. 10 when Haferkamp and Davignon meet together with the Japanese trade minister.

Sources within the trade ministry said the Japanese side could be edging toward an agreement on VTRS, but that agreement on other products would be more difficult.

While Japan already restricted some exports voluntarily to some European countries to help ailing industries, the feeling was that blanket restraint to all Common Market countries under one policy would run against General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade rules for international business.

Government sources reported Haferkamp as telling ABE that if the Japan EEC bilateral talks ended in stalemate the world economy would suffer.

However, both sides agreed on the need to avoid growing world moves toward protectionism which would thwart attempts by governments to add some impetus to economic growth by improving both domestic and export sales, thereby reducing unemployment.

Discussing world economic conditions with journalists, Tadayoshi Nakazawa, director general of the International Trade Policy Bureau within the trade ministry, said, "this has a remarkable similarity to the depression era of the 1930s."



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Strike continues

U.K. watermen reject pay offer

LONDON, Feb. 7 (AP) — Peace talks between water workers' union leaders and chiefs of the state-controlled National Water Council broke down after 12 hours Sunday and the strike, which has left 25,000 homes without running water so far, entered its third week.

"The strike continues," Ron Keating, general secretary of the National Union of Public Employees, one of the two major unions involved, said.

Leaders of the 29,000 striking manual workers in England and Wales and the management had met for the first time in 10 days to debate a productivity deal at the headquarters of the government Advisory, Conciliation and Arbitration Service.

The water council said the deal would add 5-10 pounds (\$7.50-15) to the strikers' average weekly earnings of 136 pounds (\$208). That was on top of a 7.3 percent increase, compared with the council's pre-strike 4 percent offer. The unions have demanded 15 percent.

Water council officials said they were concerned at the increasingly serious effects of a long drawn-out strike. But so far the potentially catastrophic effects of the nation's first-ever water and sewerage strike have

been relatively mild because managers and supervisors have switched back on major plants when unions have refused to fix them.

The water council said that by Sunday night a total of 7.4 million of the 47 million people in England and Wales had been warned to boil water as a guard against contamination. The number of households without water has risen gradually through the two weeks as more faltering pumps break down or mains burst.

"The number of people affected is creeping up inevitably as time goes on and will get worse," said a National Water Council spokesman. "We're certainly not complacent, but nevertheless the effect has not been as bad as we feared."

Major chapters throughout Wales and major parts of northern England and the London area have withdrawn emergency cover in protest at managers and supervisors or private contractors doing the manual workers' jobs.

Water councils say they have intervened to avert threats to public health. Union leaders maintain the 10 regional water council declare "emergencies" as an excuse for strikebreaking.

U.S. truckers' strike may end soon

NEW YORK, Feb. 7 (AP) — Seventeen men and women were arrested Monday on rioting charges after a rock smacked the cab of a truck in Ohio, but a federal official says such violence is down and predicted the eight-day independent truckers' strike will end soon.

The cost of getting products to market was up in some areas, shippers said, and the hike was expected to be passed on to consumers. The police action in Ohio was the biggest

Tehran claims repaying debts

NICOSIA, Feb. 7 (AP) — Iran has repaid most of its \$15-billion foreign debts while at the same time maintaining a steady increase of foreign exchange reserve, Mohsen Nourbakhsh, governor of the Central Bank of Iran, was quoted as saying Sunday.

The official Iranian news agency, IRNA, said Nourbakhsh told a press conference in Tehran that Iran's foreign debts stood at \$15 billion exactly four years ago but now were down to only \$1 billion.

At the same time, Iran's foreign exchange reserves have increased and were continuing to increase, he was quoted as saying. No figures were given, however.

"As a result of this, Iran enjoyed a reputable credit status, whereas no financial body was willing to grant loans to Iraq," he said. Iran and Iraq are at war since Sept. 22, 1980. The ongoing war has severely affected the oil-based economies of the two combatants. Iraq has received substantial financial aid from Arab countries.

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Financial Roundup

Dollar maintains strength

By J.H. Hammond

JEDDAH, Feb. 7 — The dollar opened on a steady note on the Monday markets in Europe, and closed at a slightly higher level against some of the major currencies, especially the French franc and the Japanese yen. Trading was erratic, however, and most dealers were engaged in reducing positions on various currencies while profit-taking on the dollar also helped to keep the markets unbalanced.

The dollar's strength was also a reflection of the market's concern over recent growth in the U.S. money supply figures which has helped to strengthen the dollar on the basis of a rise in U.S. dollar interest rates due to a tight monetary policy by the Federal Reserve Board.

The dollar was also boosted by the seeming reluctance of the "Fed" to cut back on its prime lending rate which has remained at a fairly steady level of around 8 1/2 - 8 3/4 percent for the past several weeks. This uncertainty over the "Fed's" intentions has caused the money markets to push Eurodollar deposit rates by around 1/4 percent over previous week's levels to take the three-month Eurodollar rate 9 3/16 - 9 7/16 percent levels. Longer-dated funds are still under the 10 percent range.

In the bullion market, profit-taking also pushed down the price of gold and silver to take gold to \$428 an ounce from \$495 in New York on Friday, while silver prices fell back to \$13.85 from \$14.14 on Friday. This

profit-taking was probably in the offing considering the sharp rises registered by bullion prices over the past couple of weeks. Some further volatility is expected until the exchange markets are more settled.

In the European exchanges Monday, it was certainly true that stability was only relative, for the dollar tended to move erratically at first but later settled down after opening as dealers adjusted to the New York levels.

The French franc fell to 7.0490 levels while the Japanese yen fell to 240.90 / 241.00 at one stage. The Swiss currency was also under pressure at the 2.0490 range while the German mark was slightly steadier at 2.4790 levels. The British pound firmed to 1.5200 levels but with the extent of oil pricing still being unresolved, the British pound is likely to continue being affected by uncertainty.

In the local markets, rial deposit levels firmed slightly by around 1/4 percent to take the week-fixed level to 7 - 7 1/4 percent. The one-month JIBOR was traded erratically in Jeddah at around 7 1/2 - 7 3/4 percent — up by 1/4 percent over previous week's levels while in the longer periods the one-year deposit was quoted at around 8 1/2 - 9 percent.

Interbank dealing was more active compared to the previous week's levels and the situation was similar on the exchange markets where spot rial / dollar rates operated at a higher level of 3.4405-10 from 3.4401-05 levels last week.

Grain rates soar on freight mart

LONDON, Feb. 7 (AFP) — Grain rates edged up to new nine-month highs on the freight market last week with charterers beginning to seek more forward cover.

Rumors of fresh Soviet inquiry surfaced and although time chartering had some lively moments, there was no confirmation of any business being done by these influential charterers. Indian government charterers featured, booking several cement cargoes from both South and North Korea.

In the coal trades, Japanese charterers booked tonnage out of the Hampton Roads, a trade recently neglected. But it was in the U.S. Gulf grain trades that most interest lay, with a 49,000 tonner to Japan paid a firm \$21.50 / ton (up 25 cents on previous fixing and the highest since last June). Later in the week, similar sized cargoes were arranged up to May / June at \$15 with an option to load in the River Plate at \$21.50.

In the trans-Atlantic (USA / Europe) grain trade, a 70,000 tonner agreed \$8.50 / ton out of the U.S. Gulf, 30 cents more, the highest

since last May, and \$1 up on a month ago.

The U.S. Gulf / West Coast Mexico grain rate fluctuated higher, with \$19 / ton paid for 20,000 ton shipments, before \$18.25 was accepted just in front of the weekend, a gain of \$1.25 on rates paid in January.

The U.S. northern range offered little support, but on the U.S. North Pacific coast, a 24,000 tonner was paid \$21.50 / ton to carry grain to Indonesia, up \$1.75 on previous business.

Australian grain to be shipped to Japan, the first reported fixture since last September was arranged at \$14.50 / ton, compare with \$10.75 paid five months ago.

Coal trades were less busy, but included a movement from the Hampton Roads to Japan at \$14.25 for a 55,000 tonner, unchanged on previous business at the beginning of January.

Indian charterers arranged at least seven cement cargoes, paying \$15 / ton (50 cents more) out of Taiwan and \$16 (\$1 more) out of South Korea.

BMW registers 13 % rise in sales

MANAMA, Feb. 7 (SP) — Business in the third quarter of 1982 continued to be very satisfactory for BMW AG. The demand for BMW vehicles, worldwide, allowed the increased capacity to be used to the full. A total of 276,000 vehicles were sold in the first 9 months, that is 13 percent more than in the comparable period last year, according to the company's press release here.

Although the market as a whole declined, domestic registrations of BMW's for the first three quarters were slightly more numerous than last year. Foreign sales showed an above average rise of 24 percent. The new BMW 5 Series made a particularly large contribution to this result. More than 16,000 units have been produced and sold since its introduction a year ago.

Because of the increased sales and changes in the proportions of different models sold, the turnover of BMW AG rose in the first three quarters by 23 percent to dentch mark 6,700 million. Group turnover rose to dentch mark 8,500 million.

This overall development is primarily due to the continuing success of BMW's consistent model policy: to offer compact, highly powered cars. In 1981, the spot light fell on the presentation of the new BMW 5 Series, in mid-1982 came the turn of the new generation for BMW coupes. This was followed by the further improved 7 Series.

Foreign Exchange Rates

Quoted at 6:45 p.m. Monday	Cash	Transfer
Bahraini Dinar	9.20	9.14
Bangladesh Taka	14.20	16.20
Belgian Franc (1,000)		71.40
Canadian Dollar		23.00
Deutsche Mark (100)	140.00	139.00
Dutch Guilder (100)	128.00	127.00
Egyptian Pound	3.16	3.14
Emirates Dirham (100)	95.75	95.75
French Franc (100)	49.70	49.32
Greek Drachma (1,000)	37.50	41.30
Indian Rupee (100)		34.44
Iranian Rial (100)		6.25
Israeli Lira (10,000)	24.49	24.44
Japanese Yen (1,000)	15.30	14.50
Jordanian Dinar	9.71	9.61
Kuwaiti Dinar	11.85	11.76
Lebanese Lira (100)	86.00	85.41
Moroccan Dirham (100)	53.50	53.50
Pakistani Rupee (100)	28.10	26.56
Philippine Peso (100)		36.93
Pound Sterling	5.28	5.24
Qatar Rial (100)	94.56	94.60
Singapore Dollar (100)		164.35
Spanish Peseta (1,000)	170.00	169.10
Sri Lankan Rupee (100)	61.75	61.75
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NFC nips AFC in Pro Bowl

HONOLULU, Feb. 7 (AP) — Dallas quarterback Danny White, who scored on the sidelines with an injury as the Cowboys lost the National Football Conference title game this season, threw an 11-yard scoring pass to Green Bay wide receiver John Jefferson with 35 seconds remaining to give the NFC a 20-19 victory over the American Conference Sunday in the Pro Bowl.

Washington's Mark Moseley, who earlier had missed three field goals and had another blocked, made the extra point to give the NFC the deciding margin.

White, who completed 14 of 26 passes for 162 yards, kept the winning, 65-yard drive alive when he connected with Jefferson on a fourth-and-7 play at the AFC 25. Jefferson made a diving, fingertip catch to give the NFC a first down at the AFC's 11.

White, a seven-year pro making his first Pro Bowl appearance, had been knocked out of Dallas' championship loss to Washington last month. He sustained a minor concussion.

The NFC victory overshadowed a Pro Bowl record passing performance by San Diego quarterback Dan Fouts, who threw for 274 yards. Fouts, who played the entire first and third quarters and the last half of the fourth quarter, set a Pro Bowl record for most yards and most completions. He completed 17 of 30 attempts.

He connected with the New York Jets' Wesley Walker on a 34-yard scoring throw in the opening quarter, then helped the AFC to a 19-10 advantage when he directed a 69-yard scoring drive in the third period. Los Angeles Raiders' rookie Marcus Allen, the NFL's leading scorer this season, capped the march with a 1-yard touchdown plunge.

The NFC trimmed the difference to six points four minutes into the final period on a 41-yard field goal by Moseley. Fouts, a 10-year veteran, has seen the NFL passing yardage leader for the past four years. It was his fourth appearance in the NFL All-Star game. Last year, he guided the AFC on its winning drive late in a 16-13 victory.

In Sunday's game, the AFC jumped to a 9-0 lead with two scores in a 15-second span of the opening quarter. Fouts threw a perfect strike to Walker in the end zone six minutes into the game. On the AFC's first play from scrimmage after the ensuing kickoff, Washington's Joe Theismann dropped back to pass, and Kansas City defensive end Al Still trapped him in the end zone for a safety.

A 3-yard scoring run by Atlanta's William Andrews and a 35-yard field goal by Moseley staked the NFC to a 10-9 edge in the second quarter. But Jeff Benisek, who had one field goal blocked and another deflected in the first half, missed a 33-yard field goal in the third quarter to give the AFC a 12-10 lead at intermission. The NFC holds an 8-5 edge to the series.



Abdul-Jabbar ... Lakers' star

Lakers turn on a kingly performance

With Abdul-Jabbar playing leading role

NEW YORK, Feb. 7 (AP) — When you're hot, you're hot, and when you're not, you're not the Kansas City Kings. Especially when they're in Inglewood, California.

"Needless to say, the Lakers were very good," Kansas City coach Cotton Fitzsimmons said Sunday after the Kings lost for the 20th consecutive time in the forum, where they haven't won since 1974, dropping a 116-106 National Basketball Association decision to Los Angeles. "In order for the Kings to beat the Lakers, we have to be on a roll. We are not on a roll now."

Well, perhaps they are. After all, they've

rolled over in eight of their last nine games. Meanwhile, the Atlanta Hawks, who had lost 20 of their previous 22 games in Boston, surprised the Celtics 116-111. Elsewhere, the Philadelphia 76ers nipped the Seattle SuperSonics 97-96, the Dallas Mavericks downed the Portland Trail Blazers 112-105, the Phoenix Suns trimmed the Golden State Warriors 109-92, the Washington Bullets shaded the Indiana Pacers 103-99 and the Cleveland Cavaliers edged the San Diego Clippers 110-107.

Kareem Abdul-Jabbar scored 18 points to lead a balanced Los Angeles attack against slump-ridden Kansas City. Reserve guard Clay Johnson gave the Lakers a big lift with all 13 of his points in the second quarter as Los Angeles opened a 64-53 halftime lead. Bob McAdoo came off the bench to add 16 points, while Kurt Rambis and James Worthy each had 15.

Hawks 116, Celtics 111: Dominique Wil-

kins, Dan Roundfield and Eddie Johnson sparked a decisive third-period rally and Atlanta held on to snap Boston's six-game winning streak. The Hawks, who led by as many as 11 points in the first period before falling behind 58-56 at halftime, took an 87-78 lead in the third quarter and built the

advantage to 13 in the fourth period before holding a furious Boston charge.

The Celtics pulled within 110-108 but Quinn Buckner missed two free throws with 28 seconds to go. The Hawks also snapped the Celtics' nine-game winning streak in Boston Garden, disappointing the Celtics' 100th consecutive sellout.

Wilkins scored 10 points and Roundfield and Johnson six apiece in the third period. Johnson and Roundfield topped Atlanta with 22 points, Wilkins had 18, Rory Sparrow 16 and Mike Glenn 15. The Celtics were led by Larry Bird with 29 points and Robert Parish with 21.

76ers 97, SuperSonics 96: Moses Malone scored 24 points and pulled down 20 rebounds, and his layup with 28 seconds left produced the winning points. It was the Sixers' 21st victory to 23 games. Philadelphia lost in Portland Friday night, but has not lost two in-a-row so far this season. No NBA team has ever avoided two consecutive losses in regular-season action. Reserve guard Fred Brown led the Sonics with 20 points.

Mavericks 112, Blazers 105: Mark Aguirre scored a career-high 44 points to pace Dallas

to its 10th victory in the last 13 games. Aguirre scored 24 points in the first half as Dallas took a 59-48 lead. The Blazers went ahead 103-100 with 2:13 left but Aguirre hit two consecutive jump shots and Elston Turner made a three-point play with 46 seconds left for a 107-103 lead.

Suns 109, Warriors 92: Maurice Lucas scored 25 points and grabbed 20 rebounds as Phoenix beat Golden State. The Warriors were led by Roo Brewer with 33 points and Joe Barry Carroll with 21.

Bullets 103, Pacers 99: Frank Johnson and Rick Mahorn scored 21 points apiece as Washington posted its fifth victory in seven starts following a nine-game losing streak. Bunch Carter topped the Pacers with 28 points. Greg Ballard followed with a basket to give Washington a 98-95 lead and the Bullets stayed ahead.

Cavaliers 110, Clippers 107: Cliff Robinson scored 36 points, including 15 in the final quarter, and grabbed 16 rebounds to lead Cleveland to only its 10th victory in 49 games. World B. Free added 28 points and Larry Kenon had 22. James Edwards' 10-foot baseline jumper with 1:27 left gave the Cavaliers the lead for good.

Gaines, Kristin make big splash

PARIS, Feb. 7 (APF) — East Germany's Krisin Otto and Rowdy Gaines of the U.S. fully lived up to their reputations in the Boulogne-Billancourt International (short-course) Swimming Meet which ended here Sunday.

Otto won four of the women's finals, while Gaines claimed three first places during the three-day competition. Both emerged comfortable winners of their respective 100m freestyle finals although neither produced times which threatened their own world records. Gaines finished in 49.59 sec. and Otto in 54.75 sec.

Minutes after her 100m victory, Otto was back in the pool for the 200m backstroke — and once again she took first place with a time of 2 min. 11.38 sec. Gennadiy Utenkov of the Soviet Union completed a 100m and 200m breast stroke double when he won the 100m in 1 min. 02.38 sec.

Meanwhile, one world champion gained revenge over another at the sixth International (short-course) Swimming Meeting in Offenbach, West Germany.

The Soviet Union's world and Olympic middle-distance champion Vladimir Salnikov had been beaten in the men's 200m freestyle by West Germany's world champion Michael Gross. However, it was Salnikov's turn for victory as he touched first in the men's 400m freestyle in a time of 3:46.96 mins. Gross, a sprint and butterfly specialist, could only manage sixth spot.

Red Wings' Micallef keeps Maple Leafs at bay

DETROIT, Michigan, Feb. 7 (AP) — Detroit goaltender Corrado Micallef, in his second season in the National Hockey League, is becoming something of a wizard. He conjures up shutouts.

Micallef handled only 15 shots — one in the third period — for his second shutout of the season as the Red Wings defeated Toronto 3-0 Sunday night. His other shutout came on Dec. 8 in a 2-0 victory over the New York Islanders.

"I thought about the shutout all day," Micallef said. "It was the same thing against the Islanders. It's not every day that everybody keeps talking about it, but a couple of the guys mentioned it."

The 21-year-old Micallef nearly lost the shutout, though, when Toronto's Bill Derlago deflected the puck past the Detroit goalie late in the third period. Referee Ron Wicks, however, nullified the goal, ruling that Derlago brought his stick above his shoulder.

Mark Lofthouse, called up from the American Hockey League on Jan. 5, scored two goals for the Red Wings, who snapped a four-game losing streak, and defenseman Reed Larson scored the other.

In other NHL games Sunday, Chicago defeated the New York Rangers 4-1. Montreal blanked Winnipeg 2-0 and Boston whipped Buffalo 5-1. Two other games — Vancouver at New Jersey and Washington at

Quebec — ended in 4-4 ties.

Lofthouse scored his first goal of 6:16 left in the second period when he converted a pass from Jim Schoenfeld, and he knocked in a rebound for his second goal at 11:59 of the third period.

"My linemates made it happen," Lofthouse said. "Jim Schoenfeld played a great game. We had a lot of chances. I almost had the third one. I could smell it. I don't intend on slowing down if I get the opportunity."

Black Hawks 4, Rangers 1: Denis Savard's second-period goal snapped a 1-1 tie, and the Norris Division-leading Black Hawks won for the fifth straight time. The Rangers, on the other hand, have eight losses and only one victory in the last 13 games.

Savard also had an assist on Al Secord's 41st goal of the season, midway through the

For second shutout of season

NHL standings

Eastern Conference Patrick Division						
	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pts.
Philadelphia	35	13	7	226	152	77
NY Islanders	29	18	9	208	162	67
Washington	27	16	13	221	193	67
NY Rangers	23	24	8	201	192	54
New Jersey	11	33	12	155	232	34
Pittsburgh	12	36	7	169	266	31
Adams Division						
	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pts.
Boston	36	10	8	218	142	80
Montreal	29	16	10	251	198	68
Buffalo	25	18	11	202	172	61
Quebec	25	22	8	236	223	58

Western Conference Norrby Division						
	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pts.
Chicago	35	14	7	240	191	77
Minnesota	27	15	13	224	195	67
St. Louis	17	28	11	193	216	45
Toronto	14	29	10	197	231	38
Detroit	13	30	12	168	227	38
Smythe Division						
	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pts.
Edmonton	30	16	10	300	227	70
Calgary	23	25	8	231	234	54
Winnipeg	21	27	7	206	229	49
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Kite flies away with title as Caldwell falters

PEBBLE BEACH, Calif., Feb. 7 (AP) — Tom Kite got the victory and said it was a step in the right direction toward an disclosed goal. Rex Caldwell tied for second — the third week in-a-row he has had last a share of the runner up spot — and said he's already achieved a goal.

"When I first came on tour, it was my dream to be recognized in any pro shop I went into. Now they recognize me in any grocery store I go into. It's great," Caldwell said Sunday after eluding Kite to the title in the 42nd Bing Crosby National Pro-Am Golf Tournament.

Kite won outright, by two shots, with a closing 73 as rain, wind and cold raked the Pebble Beach links, and a 276 total. Caldwell also had a 7-over the final 18 and a 278 total. He shared second with Cal Peete, who pitched in for a eagle-2 on the day to a closing 80.

But Kite was the first to note that it could have been different. "If Rex had made those (birdies) puts on the last two holes, you could have had a very interesting story," Kite said. But Caldwell missed them and Kite, despite bogeys on three of his last four holes, rode his once-commanding fire-shot lead to

Zajonc, Steffi slide to glory

LAKE PLACID, New York, Feb. 7 (AP) — Miroslav Zajonc and Steffi Martin of East Germany won singles title Sunday in the 23rd World Luge Championships at Mount Van Hoevenberg.

The Soviet Union's Sergei Danilov set a course record of 41.56 seconds in his fourth run on the 3,281-foot (1,000 meters) course, but he was unable to overtake Zajonc, finishing with a combined time of 2:47.55 to 2:47.23. Zajonc, a Czech native, is applying for Canadian citizenship. Italians Paul Hildgarnier and Norbert Huber finished third and fourth, respectively, with times of 2:47.90 and 2:48.77.

Martin led three East German teammates to a sweep of the first four places in the women's competition. Holding a commanding lead, the 20-year-old Martin needed only to stay on her sled to win her first World crown. However, she shattered her own course record on the 2,429-foot (740.35 meters) women's course with a time of 37.73. She had set the mark of 37.87 Saturday.

Only 17 of 24 starters finished the women's competition. In the first day of the competition, two Russian sliders and one woman each from Britain and Canada were disqualified, two other Soviets withdrew and a Norwegian failed to finish her third run.

In doubles competition, East Germans Volker Hoffman and Volker Pietzsch won the championship as they recorded two of the 22 times that broke the old Mount Van Hoevenberg course record of 38.70 set by Americans Frank Masley and Ray Batsman last month. Hoffman and Pietzsch set a standard of 37.84 in their first run and followed with a uniform 37.87 mark for a combined total of 1:15.71.

his fifth PGA tour triumph.

The victory was worth \$58,500 from the total purse of \$325,000 and lifted Kite a couple of notches on the all-time money-winning list. He now has \$1,723,715 for a 12-year career and moved past Hall of Famers Billy Casper and Gary Player.

And Jack Nicklaus passed another money milestone. He birdied four holes in-a-row beginning on the 14th, a comeback that salvaged a closing round of par 72 and sixth alone at 280. He won \$11,700 and became the only man to go past \$4 million in career earnings. Nicklaus now has \$4,080,633.

Bob Gilder, a winner at Phoenix a week ago, lost his chance for a second consecutive victory when he hit one out of bounds on the 72nd hole and made double bogey. He had a 72 and was tied at 279 with Danny Edwards, who had a closing 71. Tom Watson had the best round of the blustery final day, a three-under-par 69 on the course where he won last year's U.S. Open. He finished at 281, pocketing \$10,487.

Lopez triumphs
Meanwhile, Nancy Lopez, posting her 26th career victory, outbattled stiff winds and Jo

Anne Carner to win the \$150,000-Ladies Professional Golf Association Elizabeth Arden Golf Classic by one stroke Sunday, in North Miami Beach, Florida.

Lopez fired a one-over-par 73 over the 6,122-yard (622 meters) Turnberry Isle Country Club Course and finished with a four-day total of three-under 285. Carner, the defending champion, dropped out of a tie for the lead with a double bogey on No. 17 and finished at 286.

Lopez won \$22,500 to boost her career earnings since joining the tour in July 1977 to \$976,660. Janet Coles, her second and third-round leader, and Kathy Whitworth were two shots behind Lopez at 287, while Donna Caponi, Australia's Jan Stephenson and Sandra Spuzich were bunched at 288.

Lopez started the day one shot behind Coles and managed only one birdie. She struggled on the front nine with bogeys on the first and fifth holes. She had her only birdie at No. 12, where she dropped a five-foot putt. Lopez, 26, needs nine more holes of quality for the LPGA Hall of Fame and \$23,340 in earnings to become the tour's youngest \$1 million winner.

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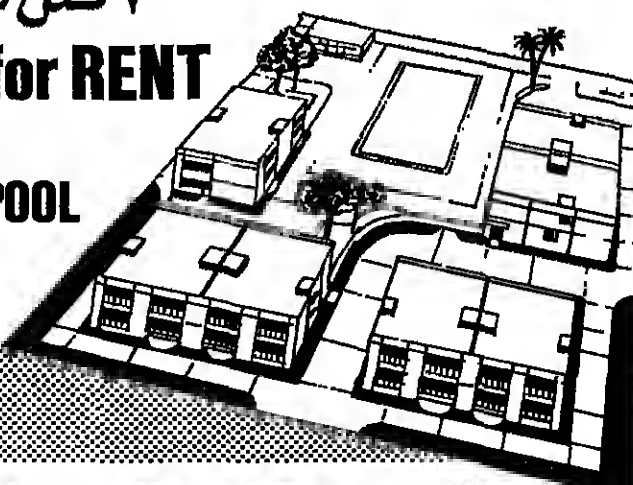
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Prosecutor's office summons Walesa

WARSAW, Feb. 7 (AP) — Lech Walesa, head of the outlawed Solidarity labor movement, said he received a summons Monday ordering him to appear at the general prosecutor's office Thursday in Warsaw.

Walesa, reached by telephone at his apartment in the Baltic port of Gdansk, said he did not know the reasons for the summons.

The 39-year-old labor leader has ignored earlier summons from Gdansk officials administering Solidarity finances, but said he would honor the prosecutors demand to appear Thursday morning in Warsaw.

The officially controlled Polish press has alleged "irregularities" in the finances of the Gdansk Solidarity chapter which Walesa headed, and in the personal tax returns of the labor chief. On Jan. 17, Walesa sought unsuccessfully to return to his old job as an electrician at the Lenin Shipyard in Gdansk, but was turned away. The yard management placed him on the payroll, but said it would not let him back on the job until he settled affairs with the local official placed in charge of the union's business after it was suspended with the declaration of martial law in December 1981.

Solidarity the only independent trade union in the Soviet bloc, was outlawed last Oct. 8. It still enjoys wide support among Polish workers who are boycotting new unions the government hopes will replace Solidarity.

Walesa has called repeatedly for the government to honor its commitment to free trade unions, reached during the August

11 German students poisoned

WUERZBURG, West Germany, Feb. 7 (AP) — An eleventh student was poisoned with thallium-laced orange juice in this Franconian University city, Wuerzburg police reported Monday.

Police said ten students remain in hospital after they drank orange juice someone had placed before the medical faculty of Wuerzburg University last week with a note saying the bottles were free of charge. In the latest case, police said, a student accepted a glass of orange juice which a fellow medical student had found before his hostel door a few days earlier, thinking a friend had put them there as thanks for a small favor.

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Clark takes exercises, sees TV

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah, Feb. 7 (AP) — Artificial heart recipient Barney Clark exercised, received a plaque from fellow dentists and watched basketball and boxing on television this weekend following good week in his

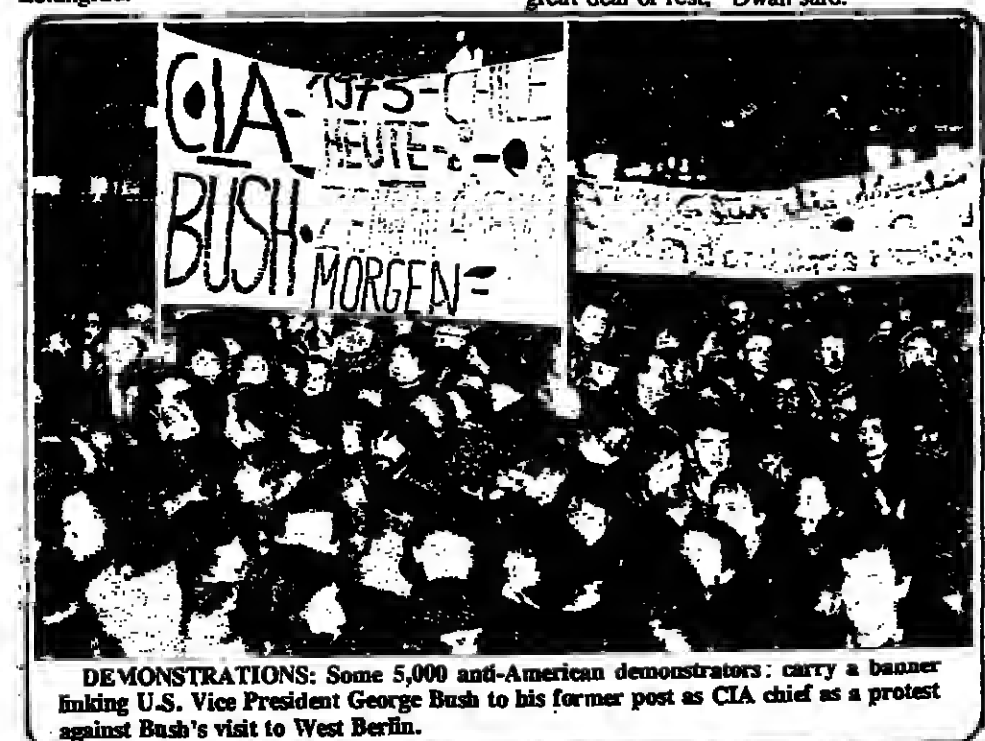
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Cheysson says

PARIS, Feb. 7 (AFP) — French External Relations Minister Claude Cheysson Monday said the situation in Afghanistan and Poland plus the buildup of Soviet intermediary-range missiles were preventing France from having "normal political relations" with Moscow.

Cheysson made the remarks at a lunch with the Association of French Diplomatic Reporters days before he was due to visit the Soviet Union from Feb. 16 to 20. Reliable sources said his Soviet visit would include a trip to Leningrad.



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BLAST: A view of the Air France office in Brussels which was damaged by a bomb blast Sunday night. No one was injured. The office is located in one of the busiest localities of the town.

Security tightened Brussels blast damages French Embassy

BRUSSELS, Feb. 7 (R) — Police tightened security around all French buildings in Brussels Monday after two explosions severely damaged the French Embassy and an Air France office Sunday night. Interior Minister Charles-Ferdinand Nothomb said. Nobody has so far claimed responsibility for the attacks and police said they had very few clues.

One woman outside the Air France quarters was slightly hurt by flying glass as the large display windows of the ground-floor office were blown out. Several nearby buildings in a normally bustling shopping precinct were also damaged. Police said they believed the blasts were caused by TNT

charges wrapped in plastic bags and placed outside the two buildings, which are about a kilometer apart. They went off within minutes of each other. French Ambassador Roger Vaurs refused to speculate on whether the blasts were linked with the return to France of former Nazi officer Klaus Barbie over the weekend.

Nothomb said in a statement that security precautions had been stepped up at all French buildings.

Air France and Iraqi Airline offices in New Delhi were damaged in two explosions last Thursday. France is a major supplier of arms to Iraq, now involved in the war with Iran.

Vaurs told reporters Sunday night he was not in the Brussels embassy at the time of the explosion, which tore off the front door, smashed windows and wrecked a security checkpoint just inside. He said he had not received any unusual threats.

Nothomb said swift police action had averted serious casualties at the Air France office, which is near cinemas and a night-club district. A police patrol had spotted a suspicious package outside the office and told passers-by to lie down, moments before the explosion, Nothomb said. The last attacks on French buildings in Brussels took place at the beginning of the 1960s, when France was fighting a war in Algeria.

Protestors demand end to Basque violence

BILBAO, Spain, Feb. 7 (R) — Thousands of Basques demanding an end to separatist violence demonstrated in major cities of the region Monday after four persons died and eight were injured in the latest guerrilla bombings.

The demonstrations were held as part of a day of protest called by political parties and

Harare begins trial of seven opposition men

HARARE, Feb. 7 (R) — The treason trial of seven members of Zimbabwe's opposition Zanu Party began Monday with allegations that a key member of its military wing wrote a letter to the Soviet intelligence agency KGB seeking help against "subversive" U.S., British and South African secret service activities.

The prosecution said the letter was sent to the head of the KGB by Dumiso Dabengwa, 42 former intelligence chief of Zupira, the military wing of the ZAPU Party. He and six others pleaded not guilty to charges of high treason linked to an accusation of preparing an armed rebellion aimed at overthrowing the government of Zimbabwe.

The director of public prosecutions, Ahmad Ebrahim, read the Moscow-trained Dabengwa's allegedly treasonable letter in the Harare high court. Ebrahim quoted him as criticizing Prime Minister Robert Mugabe's African majority government for what he called its pro-Western policies. The letter was quoted as saying the masses of Zimbabwe were deeply convinced that Mugabe had turned out to be reactionary and pro-Western and that his policies would undermine the national interest.

Dabengwa, who received military training in Moscow during the Rhodesian civil war preceding Zimbabwean independence in 1980, wrote in his letter that the U.S., Britain and South Africa posed the greatest threat to Zimbabwe's sovereignty and independence, the prosecutor said.

125 die of cholera in central Tanzania

DAR ES SALAAM, Feb. 7 (AP) — One hundred and twenty-five persons have died of cholera in central Tanzania during the past four months, the official Shihata news agency reported Monday.

It quoted the Kondoa district medical officer as saying that a total of 588 persons have contracted the disease since October. Health Minister Aaron Chidui blamed the problem on poor sanitation.

Another Shihata report said four persons died of rabies in the Kilimanjaro region last Saturday and 30 were hospitalized. Seventy others were discharged following treatment. Daniel Ngale, a local official, was quoted as saying that about 500 stray dogs have been destroyed in a bid to control the outbreak which began last December.

unions. About 8,000 bank staff went on strike and many demonstrated in Vitoria, San Sebastian and Bilbao. In Bilbao, demonstrators gathered outside the Banco de Vizcaya where two persons were killed in a bomb explosion Saturday. A third person died Monday from injuries received in the blast, police said. Six persons are being treated for injuries.

All the Basque political parties except the radical separatist Herri Batasuna called a demonstration under the slogan, "ETA, no — the people united for peace." This was the first time ETA (Basque Homeland and Freedom), the main separatist guerrilla group, had been singled out in this way in a major protest organized by the Basque parties.

The headline military wing of ETA claimed responsibility for the bank bomb and for

another attack last week in which a paramilitary civil guard was killed and two persons were injured.

Hours after Saturday's bank bombing, nearly 4,000 persons took to the streets of Bilbao in silent protest and Basque sources said the tacit popular support enjoyed by ETA for nearly 15 years was waning. They said peace hopes had risen with the election of Spain's first Socialist government since the 1936-39 civil war.

But in the October election, the Herri Batasuna (people's union) declared that a vote for its cause represented a vote for ETA. The party won more than 200,000 votes. An attempt at organizing peace talks that would have included the Herri Batasuna broke down a week ago.

Feb. 20 poll termed historic Mauroy concludes Caribbean visit

POINTE-A-PITRE, Guadeloupe, Feb. 7 (AFP) — Prime Minister Pierre Mauroy has ended a four-day visit to France's three Caribbean territories just a fortnight before voters in Martinique, Guadeloupe and Guiana go to the polls to elect their first-ever regional parliaments.

The Socialist prime minister, who described the coming Feb. 20 elections as "historic", stressed that the government's decentralization policies were aimed at giving people the means to make their own economic choices and define their own future.

The Socialist government, which swept to power in France in May 1981, had already implemented significant "change" on the mainland and was also committed to a series of deep-seated reforms in France's "overseas departments", he said.

A first move toward greater autonomy for France's far-flung possessions took place late

last year when the Mediterranean island of Corsica elected its first regional assembly. But for the residents of the three Caribbean territories — as well as for the people of the Indian Ocean island of Reunion, also due to vote for a regional assembly in two weeks — the situation remains dramatically different than for the Corsicans, who have, despite ongoing friction, maintained traditionally strong ties with the mainland since the days of Napoleon Bonaparte.

The 135 million people of the four departments, plus the 700,000 now living in France, consider themselves as ordinary French citizens but are often treated by the French as second-class guest workers. According to a recent public opinion poll, 45 percent of the French population is willing to give the departments independence, despite the fact that they have not asked for it.

7th term as Paraguay president Stroessner wins with 90 % vote

ASUNCION, Feb. 7 (R) — Gen. Alfredo Stroessner, ruler of Paraguay since 1954, cruised easily to his seventh term as president when his Colorado (Red) Party announced that he had won 90 percent of the vote in general elections.

Juan Ramon Chavez, president of the party, said late Sunday night that Gen. Stroessner had received 919,582 of the 1,021,597 votes cast Saturday. The announcement at the Colorado's election headquarters was greeted with cheers of "Viva el Presidente. Viva la Republica" by crowds of the general's supporters. His two opponents received fewer than 100,000 votes between them. The Radical Liberal candidate, Enzo Doldan, came second with 5.7 percent of the vote and Fulvio Hugo Celaroso of the Liberals was third with 3.2 percent.

A coalition of four other opposition parties — "The National Accord" — had boycotted the campaigning before the elections. Two of the parties called on voters to present blank

ballots at the polls and two urged supporters to defy Paraguay's mandatory voting law and abstain.

Mauritius premier meets Indira today

NEW DELHI, Feb. 7 (AFP) — India and Mauritius will begin high-level talks on next month's nonaligned summit here with the arrival Tuesday for a six-day official visit of Mauritian Prime Minister Anerood Jugnauth.

The issue of Mauritius' claim to the Indian Ocean island of Diego Garcia, which is being used by the United States as a military base, is expected to be raised in Jugnauth's talks with Indian leaders. Jugnauth will call on Indian President Zail Singh after his arrival and meet Prime Minister Indira Gandhi the same day. On Wednesday he will meet Indian External Affairs Minister P.V. Narasimha Rao.

Soviets call for talks on Cambodia

BANGKOK, Feb. 7 (AFP) — Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister Mikhail Kapitsa said Monday that "Soviet, Asian and Indonesian countries should hold talks without any outside interference" in order to solve the Cambodian problem.

Kapitsa told press in arrival for a two-day visit here that he realized that Southeast Asia is a "very troublesome area," especially the quagmire fighting between the Vietnamese-led troops and Cambodian fighters along the Thai-Cambodian border.

The Soviet Union wants to see peace and cooperation among all Southeast Asian nations, he said.

Tonight on the role of Prince Norodom Sihanouk, leader of the Cambodian coalition against 150,000-180,000 Vietnamese troops in Cambodia, Kapitsa said that the Soviet Union associated himself with the murderers — an apparent reference to the Khmer Rouge, who are held responsible for thousands of deaths during their one-year rule between 1975 and 1979.

Kapitsa, who was accompanied by two other officials, said relations between his country and Thailand were "not bad" but called for more direct contacts and bilateral cooperation.

He said he would discuss further possible ways and means of promoting relations with Thailand during his visit.

Kapitsa is scheduled to hold talks with Thai Foreign Minister Sitti Sawetwattana, Deputy Prime Minister Premaratne Adiraksara and his counterpart Phumthong Tuesday. He leaves Wednesday for Hanoi. The Soviet delegation also visited Indonesia and Malaysia.

Cueffar arrives in Tanzania on four-day visit

DAR ES SALAAM, Feb. 7 (AP) — U.N. Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar arrived in this East African country Monday for four days of talks on ways to speed up independence of Southwest Africa (Namibia).

Before departing Gaborone, Botswana, his last stop, he told reporters that it was too early to comment on how soon South Africa might end its control of the mineral-rich territory. "I must be realistic and not raise expectations or appear negative," he said. "I will make my final assessment back in New York after my visit" to Africa.

The Secretary-General was scheduled to meet with Tanzanian President Nyerere, who has given consistent support to the Southwest Africa People's Organization (SWAPO) which has waged a war against South African forces since the 1960s.

Cueffar, who toured Angola, Zambia, Mozambique, Zimbabwe and Botswana before arriving here, also was expected to travel to the semi-autonomous island of Zanzibar where he will hold talks with Tanzania's Vice President Aboud Jumbe. On Thursday, he will continue his eight-nation tour by flying to Kenya followed by a stop in Uganda before returning to New York.

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